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**United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Board of National Missions.
Department of Work in Alaska.
Records, 1874-1972.
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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

Presbyterian mission work in Alaska began informally in 1877. The Rev. A. L. Lindsley, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Portland, Oregon, supported Mrs. Amanda McFarland, a minister's widow, who went to Ft. Wrangell to take over the school that had been started by a layman sent by Lindsley and that was being taught by a native. Sheldon Jackson accompanied Mrs. McFarland, and when he returned to the States, through publicity and personal tours he raised money and recruited workers for missions in Alaska. At the urging of Dr. Lindsley and Jackson, the Board of Home Missions assumed the responsibility for the Alaska field in 1878. The Rev. John C. Brady, later governor of the Territory of Alaska, and Miss Fannie E. Kellogg, a teacher, both recruited by Jackson, went to Sitka in 1878. The mission school developed in the Sheldon Jackson School that still exists as the Sheldon Jackson Junior College.

In 1878 the Rev. S. Hall Young was sent by the Board of Home Missions to Ft. Wrangell where he established the first Protestant church for the natives in Alaska in 1879. He and the naturalist John Muir visited Chiclat Bay. He established a mission among the Chiclat Indians, later named Haines after Mrs. F. E. Haines, the first secretary of the Woman's Executive Committee. The first resident missionary family arrived in 1881, and a boarding school was established in 1883. Haines House, a home for children and youth, remained in service in different forms until the 1960s.

In 1880 Sheldon Jackson invited the secretaries of the mission boards of the Protestant denominations to a meeting that established a comity agreement for dividing the mission work in Alaska. The Presbyterians accepted responsibility for Southeastern Alaska where they had already initiated mission work and for the far northern regions. Despite the comity agreement inter-church relations were not always smooth, particularly after the arrival of smaller groups and denominations such as the Salvation Army and the Pentecostals.

In 1885, Sheldon Jackson was appointed General Agent for Education for the Department of Interior. He combined educational work with an annual inspection tour of the missions, and he lobbied Congress for native rights and for support of his project to bring reindeer to Alaska in 1892.

From 1878 to 1923 the work was supported by two boards, the Board of Home Missions and the Woman's Executive Committee, called after 1897, the Woman's Board of Home Missions. The Woman's Board supported some of the medical work. Haines House was administered by the Woman's Board.

In 1901 the Board of Home Missions appointed Dr. S. Hall Young as its first General Missionary to Alaska. He served until 1912, when Dr. James H. Condit was appointed and

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served until 1922. Young again accepted the position for 1922-1923. The Rev. Paul H. Prouty held the position from 1944 to 1950.

After the major reorganization of 1923 that consolidated the various boards, the Board of National Missions administered the work in Alaska. The work of the former Board of Home Missions was continued by the Department of Town and Country Work of the BNM, and later the Office/Department of Work in Alaska, and the work that had been established by the Woman's Board came under the direction of the Division of Schools and Hospitals. The new Department of Sunday School Missions conducted Sunday School work in Alaska. The executives were as follows:

Department of Town and Country Work, 1924-1932
Dr. Andrew Montgomery, Director.

Unit of Work in Alaska, 1932-1948
John M. Somerndike, Secretary, 1932-1939
Everett B. King, Secretary, 1939-1943
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary, 1944-1948

Department of Work in Alaska, 1949-1972
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary, 1949-

The educational and medical missions were administered as follows:

Division of Schools and Hospitals, 1924-1932
Edna R. Voss, Secretary

Unit of Schools and Hospitals, 1932-1934
Edna R. Voss, Secretary

Department of Educational and Medical Work, 1935-1948
Edna R. Voss, Secretary until 1947
Katharine E. Gladfelter, 1948

Division of Educational and Medical Work, 1949-1972
Katharine E. Gladfelter, 1949-

Southeastern Alaska was organized as the Presbytery of Alaska and the vast interior of the territory as the Presbytery of the Yukon. These presbyteries were part of the Synod of Washington and later of the Synod of Washington-Alaska and the Synod of Alaska-Northwest. With the major denominational reorganization of 1972, the presbyteries assumed responsibility for the work in Alaska.

The Board of Home Missions/Board of National Missions built and maintained a fleet of small motor boats that served as floating ambulances and clinics and transported workers and

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natives among the waterways of southeastern Alaska. A total of nine boats were put into operation from 1909 until the sale of the last boat in 1983.

The Board of National Missions provided missionaries specialized ministries as the occasion arose. In 1935, during the Great Depression the Federal Government settled families from the lower States in Matanuska Valley at Palmer; Presbyterian missionaries were sent. When the Alaska Highway was built the Alaska Highway Parish was established and when during the Cold War a radar system for early warning (the DEW Line) was constructed in the northern region the Presbyterians conducted ministry to the construction workers and servicemen.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists largely of field correspondence and reports from home missionaries in Alaska to the Office/Department of Work in Alaska of the Board of National Missions and for the work at Haines House, Haines, Alaska, to the Division of Educational and Medical Work. A major portion of the records deal with property matters including legal documents (leases and contracts) and surveys.

The correspondence of S. Hall Young, a pioneer missionary in Alaska and later general missionary, and James Condit, general missionary, is especially full for the period of about 1897-1922. There are also a few letters of Sheldon Jackson. The extensive correspondence of Dr. William R. Geist, who served 16 years at Barrow, includes a report of the airplane accident that killed Wiley Post and Will Rogers in 1936.

The relationship of the Presbyterian Church and the federal government is illustrated by correspondence with senators, the Bureau of Education, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

NOTES TO RESEARCHERS

Researchers should also consult Record Group 239, the Sheldon Jackson Papers, for other information relating to the work in Alaska.

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SUBSERIES II: Annual Narrative Reports, 1957-1961

SUBSERIES III: Annual Statistical Reports, 1959-1960

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SERIES IV: Applications for National Missions Aid, 1936-1960

SERIES V: Subject Files, 1906-1965, n.d.

SERIES VI: Presbyterian Mission Motor Vessels, 1922-1972, n.d.

SUBSERIES I: "The Princeton" and "The A.L. Lindsey,"
1922-1948

SUBSERIES II: "The Princeton-Hall," 1940-1960

SUBSERIES III: "The Anna Jackman," 1956-1972, n.d.

SERIES VII: Historical Sketches, 1886-1957, n.d.

SERIES VIII: Property Records, 1874-1960

SUBSERIES I: Property Correspondence, 1894-1960

SUBSERIES II: Blueprints, Surveys, Plot Plans, 1874-1950

SUBSERIES III: Sale and Leasing of Property, 1909-1957, n.d.

SERIES IX: Newsletters and Pamphlets, 1882-1972, n.d.

SUBSERIES I: Newsletters, 1892-1960

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n.d.

SERIES X: Haines Mission and Haines House, 1885-1967, n.d.

SUBSERIES I: Property Correspondence, 1904-1962, 1967

SUBSERIES II: Surveys (Maps), 1896-1948, n.d.

SUBSERIES III: Legal Records (Contracts and Leases), 1905-1955

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SUBSERIES IV: Promotion and Publicity, 1885?-1959, n.d.

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| 2 | Adams, W. B. (Sitka), Report re Sheldon Jackson School, ca. 1914 |
| 3 | Ahmaogak, Roy (Wainwright, Barrow), Correspondence and Clippings, 1939-1943, 1951, 1957, 1961, 1965 |
| 4 | Ahmaogak, Roy, Correspondence with J. Earl Jackman, 1944-1945 |
| 5 | 1946 |
| 6 | Akootchook, Andrew (Barter Island), 1939-1951 |
| 7 | Alfsen, Victor (Palmer), 1943-1946, 1958 |
| 8 | Altman, Elenor (Anchorage), 1945-1946 |
| 9 | Armstrong, R. Roland (Fairbanks), 1940-1941 |
| 10 | Arthur, Thomas C. (Ketchikan), 1940 |
| 11 | Bannan, Ann (Wales), 1930-1932 |
| 12 | Bannan, Ann (Gambell), 1934-1936 |
| 13 | 1937-1940 |
| 14 | 1940-1944 |
| 15 | Barrows, Willard E. (Juneau), 1940-1942 |
| 16 | Bechtel, Gertrude (Fairbanks), 1944 |
| 17 | 1945 |
| 18 | Beck, George (Ketchikan), 1934-1935 |
| 19 | Betts, George R. (Kake and Angoon), 1935-1936, 1938-1940 |
| 20 | Betts, George R. (Petersburg), 1940-1945 |
| 21 | Betts, George R. (Hoonah), 1945-1946 |
| 22 | Betts, George R. (Hoonah and Angoon), 1953, 1956-1959, 1961 |
| 23 | Bily, Arthur (Sitka), 1941-1943 |
| 24 | Bingle, Bert J. (Yukon Presbytery Sunday School Missionary; Palmer), 1934-1936, 1941 |
| 25 | Bingle, Bert J. (Wartime Alaska Highway Chaplain), 1942 |
| 26 | Bingle, Bert J. 1943 |
| 27 | Bingle, Bert J. 1944-1945 |
| 28 | Bingle, Bert J. (Yukon Presbytery Sunday School Missionary), 1946 |
| 29 | Bingle, Bert J. (Yukon Presbytery Sunday School Missionary), 1953-1960; "My 28 Years in the Yukon Presbytery", 1958 |
| 30 | Booth, Willis (Juneau), 1941-1942 |
| 31 | Booth, Willis (Juneau), 1942-1943 |
| 32 | Bruce, George (Juneau), 1920-1922 |
| 33 | Bromley, E.E. (Bayview), 1921-1923 |
| 34 | Bromley, E.E. (Hoonah), 1938-1943 |

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| | 38 | Champlin, N. Harry (Wrangel and Fairbanks), 1940-1941 |
| | 39 | Champlin, N. Harry (Wrangel and Fairbanks), 1942-1946 |
| | 40 | Christiansen, Donald G. (Ketchikan), 1938-1941 |

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| 41 | Correspondence, 1913-1915 |
| 42 | 1916-1919 |
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| | 2 | Crawford, David H. (Cordova), 1939-1941 |
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| | 4 | Crowell, Stephen C. (Skagway), 1936 |
| | 5 | Cubbage, Boyd G. (Anchorage), 1939-1943 |
| | 6 | Dakin, Florence (Barrow), 1920-1923 |
| | 7 | Diven, Robert J. (Nenana), 1919-1921 |
| | 8 | Diven, Robert J. (Wrangell), 1921-1923, 1930 |
| | 9 | Dodge, John K. (Skagway), 1946 |
| | 10 | Eide, Arthur (Barrow), 1920-1921 |
| | 11 | Falconer, F.R. (Ketchikan), 1921-1924 |
| | 12 | Fitzgerald, J. Roscoe (Kake), 1921-1922 |
| | 13 | Fredsell, Harold F. (Skagway), 1941, 1944-1946 |
| | 14 | Freeman, Edward Dewitt (Ketchikan), 1944-1946 |
| | 15 | French, Arthur (Savoonga), 1960 |
| | 16 | Findley, Edna (Sitka), 1912 |
| | 17 | Gall, Alwin E. ((Hydaburg), 1945-1946 |
| | 18 | Gould, J.A. (Chairman of Synod of Washington Home Mission Committee
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	27	Hall, James W. (Ketchikan), 1941-1942
	28	1943-1944
	29	Ipalook, Percy (Barrow and Wales), 1934-1935
	30	(Wainwright), 1939-1946
	31	Johnson, Samuel G. (Hoonah and Angoon), 1938-1945
	32	Judd, Ben (Wrangel), 1942-1943
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	34	Klerekoper, Frederick (Skagway), 1935-1936
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	43	Marple, Wallace Sutton (Anchorage), 1920-1923
	44	Marsden, Edward (Metlakatla), re Presbyterian, Episcopal, Methodist Relations, 1921-1924, 1931
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	48	Newhall, A.W. (Barrow), 1927-1928
	49	Nickerson, Roscoe S. (Cordova), 1920-1923
	50	Parker, Elmer E. (Gambell), 1944-1946, 1955-1961
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	13	Swanson, Mayreld, Mrs. (Yukon Presbytery, Director of Christian Education), 1956-1958
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	18a	Vernon, J.F. (Fairbanks and Nenana), 1924
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	22	Wheeler, Ralph K. (Haines), 1938
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	26	Winterberger, E.L. (Skagway), 1920-1921
	27	Yaw, Leslie (Superintendent, Sheldon Jackson School), 1941-1942
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	33	Young, S. Hall (Klondike Region), 1897-1898
	34	1916-April 1917
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	49	J. Earl Jackman, et.al., Missionary Correspondence, 1941, 1956-1959

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	8	Barrow, 1925-1928, 1934-1936
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| 26 | | Palmer and Valley Presbyterian Hospital, 1955-1960 |
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| 29 | | Sitka, Reports, Woman's Executive Committee; Sheldon Jackson; Sitka Training School, 1890-1909 (OVERSIZE BOX) |
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| 4 | 39 | Angoon, Craig-Klawock, Hydaburg, Juneau-Douglas, Kake, Ketchikan, Metlakatla, Noonah, Petersburg, Wrangell, Sunday School Missions, 1944 |
| | 40 | Angoon, Craig, Haines, 1958 |
| | 41 | Juneau-Douglas, 1958 |
| | 42 | Hoonah, Hydaburg, Kake, Ketchikan, Klukwan, 1958 |
| | 43 | Metlakatla, Petersburg, 1958 |
| | 44 | Sitka and Mt. Edgecombe, Skagway, Sheldon Jackson Junior College, 1958 |
| | 45 | Wrangell, Yakutat, 1958 |
| | 46 | Auke Bay, Angoon, Craig-Klawock, Haines, 1959 |
| | 47 | Hoonah, Hydaburg, Juneau, Kake, Ketchikan, 1959 |
| | 48 | Juneau, 1959 |
| | 49 | Klukwan, Metlakatla, Petersburg, Sitka, 1959 |
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| | 53 | Kake, Ketchikan, Klukwan, Metlakatla, Petersburg, 1960 |
| | 54 | Sitka-Mt. Edgecombe, Skagway, Wrangell, Yakutat, 1960 |
| | 55 | Angoon, Craig, Hoonah, Hydaburg, Juneau, Kake, Spenard, Metlakatla, Yakutat, 1961 |

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| 4 | 56 | Barter Island, Cordova, Gambell-Savoonga, Palmer, Wales, 1943 |
| | 57 | Barter Island, Cordova, Palmer, Savoonga, Wales, Sunday School Missions, 1944 |
| | 58 | Barrow, 1958 |
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| 5 | 1 | Barrow, Fairbanks, Anchorage, College, 1959 |
| | 2 | Fairbanks (Big Delta Military Service Pastorate), 1959 |
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| | 4 | Spenard, Utkeagvik, Wainwright, 1959 |
| | 5 | Fairbanks, Gambell-Savoonga, Spenard, Wainwright, 1960 |
| | 6 | Anchorage-Nunaka Valley, Barrow, College, 1960 |
| | 7 | Anchorage, Barrow, Fairbanks, 1961 |

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| 5 | 8 | Yakutat, Wasilla, 1958-1959 |
| | 9 | "The Princeton-Hall," 1960 |
| | 10 | "The Anna Jackman" and "The Princeton-Hall," 1961 |

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| 5 | 11 | Alaska Railroad, Wasilla, and Various Sunday Schools, 1958-1959 |
| | 12 | Alaska Railroad, 1959 |
| | 13 | Alaska Railroad and Various Sunday Schools, 1960 |
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| 5 | 16 | Headquarters, 1957 |
| 5 | 17 | Alaska Highway, Anchorage, Auke Bay, Barrow, Craig-Klawock-Edna Bay, |

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| 19 | | "The Princeton-Hall", Savoonga, Spenard, Wasilla, 1957 |
| 20 | | Headquarters, 1958 |
| 21 | | Alaska Highway Parish, Anchorage, Auke Bay, Craig, Barrow, College, Fairbanks, Gambell, Haines, 1958 |
| 22 | | Hoonah, Klawock, Palmer, Petersburg, Railbelt Church, Spenard, Wainwright, Wrangell, 1958 |
| 23 | | "The Anna Jackman" and "The Princeton-Hall" Motorships, 1958 |
| 24 | | Mayreld Swanson, Director of Christian Education, 1958 |
| 25 | | Alaska Highway Parish, Anchorage, Angoon, Auke Bay, Barrow, Big Delta, College, Craig-Klawock, Fairbanks, Gambell, 1959 |
| 26 | | Haines, Hoonah, Hydaburg, Kake, Ketchikan, Metlakatla, Palmer, Petersburg, Railbelt Church, Sitka, Mt. Edgecombe, Spenard, Sunday School Missions, Wainwright, Wasilla, Wrangell, Yakutat (?), 1959 |
| 27 | | "The Anna Jackman" Motorship; Mayreld Swanson, Director of Christian Education, 1959 |
| 28 | | Anchorage, Auke Bay, Barrow, Kake, Spenard, Wasilla, "The Princeton-Hall", Mayreld Swanson, Director of Christian Education, 1960 |
| 28a | | Lists of Officers in Alaska Churches, 1960-1961 |

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| 5 | 29 | Alaska Presbytery, 1959 |
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	45	Alaska Highway (Bert Bingle, Chaplain), 1942, 1946, n.d.
	46	Alaska Methodist University, 1949-1959
	47	Alaska Ministry, Qualifications, Conditions and Policy re, 1954, 1956, n.d.
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	52	National Missions Committee, Reports, 1936
	53	Alaska and Yukon Presbyteries: Membership, Property, Giving and Community Statistics, 1934-1947, n.d.
	54	Alaska Steamship Company Correspondence, 1921
	55	Alaska Study Committee, BNM, Minutes, Reports, Job Description, 1960
	56	Alaska Study Committee, BNM, Reports, 1953, 1960
	57	Army and Civilian Chapel, Skagway, 1944
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	3	Eskimo Primer by Roy Ahmaogak, 1947-1948
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| | 16 | Office of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior/Board of National Missions Correspondence, 1938-1959 |
| | 17 | Interchurch Relations: Salvation Army; Seventh Day Adventists, 1938-1947, 1956 |
| | 18 | Interdenominational Conference on Work in Alaska, Comity Committee: Report, 1956 |
| | 19 | Klawock: Alaska Medical Mission (Robert R. Starr, M.D.), 1955-1956 |
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| | 38 | Survey of Gambell Church, BNM, Questionnaire, 1954 |
| | 39 | "A Strategy Survey of Presbyterianism in Alaska," Everett L. Perry, Preliminary Report, 1958 |
| | 40 | Work of Presbyterians and Other Denominations in Alaska, 1930, 1940, n.d. |
| | 41 | "Alaska Field," Report: History, Status, Needs, ca. 1953 (OVERSIZE BOX) |
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| | 43 | United Protestant Church, Palmer, Correspondence, 1936-1939 |
| | 44 | United Christian Council of Alaska, Correspondence, Minutes, Incorporation, Methodist/Presbyterian Relations, 1937-1941 |

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| | 10 | Historical Sketches of Alaska and Yukon Presbyteries, 1947, n.d. |
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| | 16 | Ann Bannan, "History of Mission Work on St. Lawrence Island," ca. 1949 |
| | 17 | Sitka Mission Hospital, Annual Reports, 1896, 1897 |
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| | 39 | Sitka, Sheldon Jackson School, Survey of Manse Plot and Sketch Map of Sitka, 1919, n.d. |
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| | 41 | Survey of Domiciliary Claim (Lt. F.M. Symonds, USN), Sitka, 1874 |

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| | 53 | "Semi-Annual News Service," (BNM), Barrow, 1935-1936 |
| | 54 | "Arctic Cubs", by Students of the Indian School, Pt. Barrow, 1937 |
| | 55 | "The Arctic Herald", Barrow, 1959 (incomplete series) |
| | 56 | "Junior Barrow Bulletin", 1952, 1953 |
| | 57 | "Barrow at the Top of the World for Christ," 1951-1958 (incomplete series) (OVERSIZE BOX) |
| | 58 | "Barrow Weekly News," 1954 (OVERSIZE BOX) |
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| | 63 | "News from Indian Fields" and "News from Indian and Alaskan Fields", 1932-1933 |
| | 64 | "News from Indian and Alaskan Fields", 1934-1935 |
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| | 69 | "The Snookum News", Ketchikan, 1958 (incomplete series) |
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| | 36 | Presbyterian Mission Reserve Surveys, 1913, 1915, 1917; Report, 1917 (OVERSIZE BOX) |
| | 37 | Presbyterian Mission Reserve Surveys, 1896, 1913 |
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| | 40 | Presbytery of Alaska Camp Site (Rainbow Glacier Conference Grounds), Survey 1948 |
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| | 46 | War Department Leases, 1942; Releases, 1945 (OVERSIZE BOX) |
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| | 56 | "Semi-Annual News Service/News Letter," 1939-1841, 1945, 1950, 1953 |
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| | 61 | Data Sheets, Reports, Map, Dedication, 1953, n.d. |
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Photograph: girls', Christmas Program [1941]

Emma Stauffer, Wales, Alaska

on 1/15/42 Greeting Newsletter



Wales. Alaska.
Jan.13th,1942.

Dr.Everett B.King.
#156--5th.Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr.King;

May I thank you for the checks received in this mail; and I am hoping that no one else has as heavy a set of checks as mine were this time. The store Manager was very pleased to receive theirs and I shall enclose herein the type of a receipt that these store managers want to give;hope this satisfactory.

And thanks for the year's purchase bills,and the letter showing the amount to be taken out of my monthly income.

Now I have placed a small order enroute to you for some mission supplies and an item or two for myself;hope it gets to you before April first;but our mail service is almost nil this winter;got mail once since Nov.3rd only. And since one of my kerosene oil lamps exploded the other night;and surely did raise a rumpus here for awhile;but the good old servant Fire Extinguisher saved the manse etc for us,but the fire scorched things quite a bit while it lasted. So now I find it will be very wise for me to get; Two ;quart size ; Extinguishers;and two extra quarts of Pyrene so I can refill them when we must use them.

And since my window blinds got destroyed may I have these too;
4 --Window Shades;color dark green; 40 " wide,standard length.

The two men are still here,but are not bothering anyone, much since one of my Elders spoke to one of them rather sharply one day But they seem;or pretend to be Writers;and claim to be working on a story on Eskimo life. The one came to me several days ago and asked that if he was called into army service;could I take his share of the food supply that was his half of what the two of them had brought in, so I told him yes,I would buy them,and be glad to get them,but ah,ah, he has not been called yet,at least he is still here,so I dont know why they are here. But last Sabbath evening is the first time they have missed attending church service;but they were at the teachers for supper and our teachers are not church goers;so enjoy company of any kind .

Now I am not enclosing the monthly report this time for the explosion the other night just burned it up;and I have not had time yet to get it ready;and as the mail came in by dogteam;it is expected to leave here in the early A M;so I thought best for me to write and tell you of the few needs since the fire;the Mess of which I have just about gotten cleaned up now;had some men in helping today,and will be finishing up tomorrow.

I have not yet started up my childrens Bible classes since Christmas;and may not for awhile yet,until I get settled to this business of BLACKOUTS;goodness this is hard when one dont have Shades for all the manse windows and none at all for the church,and we have

so much dark time of the days;but we notice them lengthening now a little.

We had a very fine Christmas season;and all seems quite well in the full sense of the word. Sick folks are better now, but baby with growth on its spine has died. But we got some new ones, and more expected, but I simply will not provide clothes for girls illegitimate children.

Will close now and get a few other letters ready and then the Postmaster will call for them I think as the weather is stormy; and these folks are very kind to me this winter; better than they have ever been before. So I wish to be very

Gratefully yours

Emma M. Stauffer

QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER

From Emma M Stauffer. Wales. Alaska.

Church Thornton Memorial.

Date Jan. 15th, 1942.

NOTE—This quarterly news letter is to be written in addition to all other reports. Use it for reporting the outstanding experience or experiences during the past three months in your church.

Dear Dr. King;

How fast Time flies; it seems no time since I was sending the last month's reports to you. But many things have taken place in the last ^{month} which are of great importance to us here, the outstanding event was the observance of Christmas.

And for Christmas; it does seem that every Hunter, and Trapper that belongs in our village tries to be at home; for it is the one time (used to be) in the whole year that every one enjoys doing his or her bit at whatever they are asked to do to make the celebration of our Saviour's birthday a success. And this time every one done their part very well: oh some of the children got a bit tired and forgot to sing the right verse of a song or forgot a part of their recitation; toward the end of the Entertainment Program on Christmas Eve; but such things do not annoy their parents; since the children's songs and recitations are in English, not many of their parents can follow the Theme of thought in the song well enough to know some has been left out.

But all our Program is not in English; as we have several folks who sing a Christmas Carol in the Eskimo language; one of these folks is a Charter member of our church who is almost totally blind, but is the one as Leader in singing translated Hymns for us. Then two of my girls of a former Adult girls Bible class; had heard me; so often singing one of the Psalms (Zabur) as I used to use it in my teaching the gospel in the homes in the Punjab, India, so they asked if I would allow them to learn a part of it and sing it in the Program too, as their part in the singing; so they did that very nicely for us; and this surprised even their parents. But all went well all the way through the entertainment; which was crowned out to a very enjoyable finish by the visit of Santa Claus, who was so diplomatic in his maneuvers that the little children forgot to scream as he came near them; rather were too busy hunting for the peanuts Santa; in his deferred vision got onto the church floor under the seats; and the "Tots" got busy to get them; then after singing the Doxology; the folks all trudged homeward with the numerous pkgs, and boxes that Missionary Societies, and Seattle Presbytery had sent to me to be given to them; so we have since then all settled in for the winters work and each day comes and goes with its respective duties for each person.

We older folks had much on our minds at Christmas; as no mail had come in or been sent out since Nov. 3rd, and all our Holiday mail was lying in our Post Office; where it remained until Jan. 13th, 1942; but we are hoping for better service from now on. As it seems since the USA got into the WAR; we are not the only ones that have been deprived of pleasure of getting our mail. Other than the mail service; so far we know only of the War by radio; and as a safety measure we all have been having a real "Blackout" church as well as each home; since we knew war was declared. But now the days are lengthening; and we are so happy as we can have sun shine to light our homes instead of gas lamps.

Now the season is drawing nigh that I must get ready for the other Time when all folks try to be at home too; Easter; as I use that day for our Childrens Day; sorry you cannot be here for a special occasion.

Wales. Alaska.
Jan.26th,1942.

Dr.Everett B.King;
#156--5th,Ave.
New York.
N.Y.

Dear Dr.King;

I am enclosing a snapshot of a part of our Christmas program;as the girls of my Bible class had acted out the Hymn of "Silent Night" and it was very nice indeed;as we had only a few candles around the front of the church platform as lights. *For picture more.*

So I thought maybe it would make a picture for you to use to write up a story for some magazine;as the Women and Mission paper. It shows the wording of Merry Christmas on the wall back of the pulpit very clearly. But if the snapshot is of no use to you folks I would appreciate it being returned to me.

We are having just grand weather these days;so clear and sun shines from about 8;45 A M until 4.00 PM;and the days are slowly getting longer;and the coldness also getting colder;but I am so used to all this that it dont seem but what is to be expected;and in fact I enjoy it all very much indeed.

So many folks are out Trapping these days;oh not by the day;as they take a tent and are gone often for two weeks at a time;but service and Sabbath School was off score in the attendance quite a bit yesterday from the fact so many are out of town. Three more young men left when our mail did and are in Nome expecting to enter the USA service;but I think some of them will get sent home;because I believe they are tubercular. Three other young men just all got sent back too;for health reasons. As for the health of the rest of us;we are getting on very well;I am fine;even though I had a lamp explode,that sure did make me a mess to clean up;but I got it done all O K, had the men help some;and they have all been so kind and helpful to me all winter;and they have always been good to me,but somehow they are more so than usual this year;Saturday one woman brought me a large piece of reindeer meat,as her husband had just returned from hunting and had brought home a whole carcass of reindeer,she said she could spare me some,and fetched it.

Is it so;that Rev.Bingle is to come to Wales now instead of the former man,if so I am wondering if you are depending on me to tell him when to come;and if you are I believe it would just be a good thing to let these Wales folks alone for until 1943 in the early Spring;say about Easter,and try to have Rev. Bingle here to hold Communion services then;and baptize whatever infants may be on hand then;there are but a few now,and I honestly do not intend to tell Rev.Bingle to come for this EASTER unless I get orders from you to tell him to come. I suggest Easter time as time to come;because the Airways Co's in Nome just simply dont want to come up this way during late Fall or midwinter,and you saw

----how near the village is to being deserted in mid--summer.

Or put it this way; if you want Rev Bingle to come over this year you send him word to come for this Easter; which I think is April 5th; calendars are scarce here, but I did see one in a native home a few days ago., and he should get here on the afternoon of Good Friday; if you send him at all.

But I honestly think it would do these folks a lot of good to be let alone for a year or so; at least until the Spring of 1943; just use the money needed for the trip here for something else.

Now we are hoping to have mail come in about the first of the month and I have some where near four dozen letters to answer; and I received some mission boxes the last mail that have been coming since last October, so must unpack them and write to the Senders of them too. The Missionary Societies and Seattle Presbytery folks have been so generous to us this year; I had a letter from one of the Head ones at this; in Seattle; and she said it did not look very bright for such maneuvers for this summer; and maybe it will be a blessing to these Eskimo if they don't get so much handed out to them. I had so much stuff in my house before Christmas this year I could hardly get around amongst it to live; and am so relieved to get it all out my house; and that stops them from coming to me whenever they want something; they used to come when ever they wanted matches, lamp Mantles, lamp Generators, but I refused to give them out to them free; asked them the same price that the store charged for them; so I have them weaned off this trick now too.

And I surely was surprised Saturday by the only infidel we have in this town coming to me for three hymn books; this is the man that used to work over time to get me out of here; but he seems to be a changed personage of late. And by the way my Hymn books are all gone now; so will it suit you to place an order for 50 Vesper Chimes for Wales, Alaska, to be sent as soon after April First as the Post Office will accept them for delivery.

Enclosed please find the amount of moneys I have received for the sale of Hymn books up to date; in this check.

And assuring you that I appreciate your kindness and help; I beg to be in Wales at this season in 1943 too and am indeed

Gratefully yours

Emma M. Stauffer.

P.S. often folks don't have the cash - and these pray for their Hymn book by giving the Mission Credit at our Store. - ems

February 3, 1942

AIRMAIL

Miss Emma M. Stauffer
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

I am sorry to have to tell you that you are wrong and the Government is right about the income report. Back in April 1940 I wrote to you answering your question raised in a letter of January 25, 1940 about income tax. I said in that letter - "in regard to your letter of January 25th, you asked the question about the income tax to the Government. Since your salary is less than \$1,000, we do not have to make any report to the Government". Later in that same year the figure of \$1,000. was reduced to \$800. I did not notify you of this change of figure. However, the Collector of Internal Revenue at Tacoma, Washington sent you an income blank together with instructions. If you had read these instructions you would have discovered that the figure of \$1,000. had been reduced to \$800. It will be necessary for you, therefore, to comply with the Government's demands and make out your income tax report for 1940. I am so notifying the Internal Revenue Collector at Tacoma. Enclosed is a copy of a letter that I am sending to him under this date.

Let me call your attention to the fact that you will have to make out two reports - one for 1940 and one for 1941 which is due March 15th. This year; that is, the 1941 tax report, the exemption has been cut down to \$750.

I have your order for supplies. In a memorandum sent out several months ago it was stated that we would do the best we could in purchasing for this coming summer and that we could not promise to send the designated materials; such as, Pillsburg's Best and so forth. It may be necessary for us to substitute some other brand. Anyway we will do our best.

As missionary in charge of the mission it would seem wise to have the Presbytery delegate you as Convenor of the Session and to act as Moderator in the absence of the regular Moderator. I am, therefore, instructing the Presbytery of Yukon to notify you of this appointment. Since Rev. B. J. Bingle has taken over the work of Sunday School Missionary that Mr. Youel was

March 19, 1942

A I R M A I L

Miss Emma M. Stauffer
Thornton Memorial
Wales, Alaska.

Dear Miss Stauffer:

We are ordering fifty Vesper Chimes
and hope that they will reach you in good shape.

I am not quite sure I acknowledged
your check for \$2 that we received in your report
dated January 26. If I did not acknowledge it,
I am doing so now.

I had a letter from Mr. Bingle, stat-
ing that he was planning to be with you at Wales
on Good Friday. I told him to be sure to clear
all arrangements with you. I trust that if he
is able to make the visit, it will be worth-while
and profitable, and much good will result there-
from.

Cordially yours,

EBK:MH

Easter Sabbath. April 5th, 1942. Children's Day. Wales, Alaska.

- #1--Hymn # 102---by Congregation
- 2--Welcome ---- " Grace
- 3--That I can do in Sunday School--- by Nancy
- 4--Greetings ---- by a group of children
- 5--Rolls -- " Reba, Lillian, and Katie.
- 6--GOD BE LOVES ME SO-- by mixed group.
- 7-- Be happy-- by Ann and Fanny
- 8-- Song--- by Daisy and Emily
- 9-- Prayer--- by Stanley, Herman, Sherman, Thornton, Leano, and Frankie.
- 10-- Singing --by a group of Young Ladies.
- 11-- " --- Junior Girls Bible class,
Little girls " " "
Little boys " " "
- 12-- Thankfulness -----by Ruth Oxereck.
- 13-- Memory work & singing by Adult Girls Bible class.
- 14-- SINGING ** BY MIXED GROUP. #109.
- 15-- Little Lamo-- by Jennie, Audrey, Eloise, and Elva.
- 16-- A Prayer to our King--by Ida Tevuk.
- 17-- A Prayer --- by Maggie and Josephine.
- 18--Hymn # 92--by Congregation.
- 19-- Songs by Junior Boys Bible class, and little boys Bible class.
- 20-- Singing BY MIXED GROUP # 114.
- 21-- Children's Day-- by Ronald, Herman, Alvan, Daniel, Henry, Patric, Thomas, Bert, Billy, Charles, Samuel, and Herbert.
- 22-- Memory work --- by Junior girls Bible class.
- 23-- Flowers for the Easter---by Metro, Leah, Frieda, Reba, Mattie, Harriett, and Flora Oxereck.
- 24-- UP FOR US: MIXED GROUP # 170.
- 25-- Directions for you and me--by Ronald
- 26--God cares for me-----by Ethel.
- 27--Wee Little Folks----- by Bert
- 28--Thank You----- by Irene and Flossie
- 29-- Singing---by group of young Ladies: Lynn #175.
- 30-- Singing for Jesus--by Mildred Ahmasuk, Dorothy Tevuk, Mildred Seelkoke, Ischael Bloss, & Reba Tungasuk.
- 31--Little Star---by Sherman.
- 32-- Singing BY CHORUS: Hymn # 3.
- 33-- For God and Country---by Roy and David, and Mary and Marie.
- 34-- Singing by a group of young Ladies:
- 35-- Children's Prayer by--- Harriett, Ann, Mattie, Irene, Fanny, Ruth, Ida, Grace, Flossie, Leah, Reba, Maggie, Frieda, Josephine, Metro, Mildred Ahmasuk, Flora, Katie, Mildred Seelkoke, Samuel, Stanley, Sherman, Charles, & Thornton.
- 36--Doxology--by Primary Department

Wales. Alaska.

April.7th,1942.

Dr.Everett B.King.
#156-5th Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr.King;

Now I recall when you were here;that you said you would talk straight from the shoulder;so right now I beg permission to do likewise. So here is the situation; and I beg you to visualize the facts;and believe me that I am not challenging you in any sense whatsoever; but I have lived in Alaska;even before war times;and know that when I am in need of something I must allow ample time for it to be gotten to me from the states.

Maybe you do not know that Radio service makes living in isolated places like Wales;just more livable;so I find just lately that my little WinCharger for recharging my batteries is worn out;so if I am to be in Wales for the next year or two I must order me a new one;trusting that it will eventually get up here or at least as far as Nome by some Freight ship;during the summer months. And our mail service is so haphazard this winter that to expect to get such;I must order soon;so I am enclosing the order and my check and will you please send it on to its destination by REGISTERED mail;if you are not going to move me; which I honestly hope with all my soul that you are not going to do; for it seems foolish to even think of: to me;everybody,and everything seems to be going along so well here. Rev Bingle is Stalled on St. Island;but will eventually get around here later on. OVER.

I do not want to be disobedient to you;and I need the Charger in order to make living like a civilized white person wants to live. As I told you;our teachers are being moved from here;so they say and it is so for I heard it also by radio. So please do not delay sending word back to me what you do;and return the order if you are going to move me. And believe me I am telling you the truth;no bluffing.,and I enjoy my work here so much.

Sincerely yours.

Emma M. Stauffer

P.S. Please seal the
Sears, Roebuck letter & be sure & register it - & tell me anit due you.
Thanks a lot. E.M.S.

Wales. Alaska.
April. 18th, 1942.

Dr. Everett B. King.
#156--5th Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr. King;

Well I have been sort of expecting that Rev. Bingle would just drop in here any time; as I had sent word to Mrs Bingle some time ago; that if he was ordered to come here that I hoped he would get here by Good Friday. And also told her; that he did not need to notify me as to when he was coming; as I did not intend to go visiting out town.

So I did not know Bingle was anywhere in this end of Alaska until I overheard some gossip over the radio from St. Lawrence Island; to the effect that Bingle was over there, and I asked out teachers to send him word that if he was coming to Wales; to try and get here before Easter was over. Then the mail came in and brought me a card from Bingle mailed at Nome on March 14th, that he was heading for the Island and would be here later if he could make it. Well Easter came and went; and Bingle still cornered out there on St. Lawrence Island, and I heard of him still being there frequently; until yesterday the teachers tell me they heard he had left and gone to Anchorage; so now I presume that he will not get over to us at all.

And personally ; I think it dont matter, for I am so ashamed of the maneuvers of three of our people, that it would seem a sin to hold Communion services here now; as some of these folks are so primitive that they dont think anything else but that they can partake of this Sacrament; without any kind of repentance; and make themselves equal to any of us; and even seem shocked when I speak to them of asking God to forgive them of their wilful sinfulness.

So maybe it is best; as I insinuated before to you; that we are let alone for awhile. Anyway I have given up looking for Rev. Bingle now.

And our people are thinning out for the summer now. Some involved in the above; I doubt if they return in the Fall. Otherwise, locally all is fine; and so am I. And beg to be

Sincerely yours

Emma M. Stauffer

May 13, 1942

AIRMAIL

Miss Emma Stauffer
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

I have written to Mr. Bingle that it would not be wise for him to go to the expense of making the extra trip to Wales. I remember in your first letter that you asked for him to be in Wales before Easter or otherwise you did not think it would be necessary for him to make the trip. Accordingly, that information has guided us in the decision to tell him not to return.

We are hoping that the boat will go to the northland this summer with supplies. We have no definite word but we are working toward that end.

Cordially yours,

EMK:McE

QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER

From Emma M Stauffer. Wales. Alaska.

Church Thornton Memorial Presbyterian

Date April, 13th, 1942.

NOTE—This quarterly news letter is to be written in addition to all other reports. Use it for reporting the outstanding experience or experiences during the past three months in your church.

Dear Dr King;

And here it is time for news again;and it does seem we dont have anything of an exciting order going on up this way. We have had a ery fine,quiet winter, and though often our weather has been very,very stormy that kept the mail planes out etc;but it never interferes with my people attending services and meetings;and I assure you there can be no place out in the states;that the people are as faithful in their attendance to religious meetings;as these Eskimo are here.

The stormy weather man just made the snow drift so much it closed up the front entrance to the Manse;clear up to the roof of the house;so I opened up the back entrance thru the coal-shed and since in December;all children who belonged to my numerous Bible classes came thru all kinds of weather and hunted their way thru the dark coal shed to the entrance to my living quarters to their classes, and often there was 100% attendance;and I know you cant beat that.

Our attendance of the larger services has been for most of the winter;fluctuating;since the men are obliged to set Traps many miles from home and thus are often gone for many days out of town. But when it is any special time as Christmas or Easter they try to be at home for the occassion.

All winter long we have had frequent calls for some of our young men for army service;so that up to date we have lost quite a number;mostly out of our Young People's Society;tho some have,and some more may return. But the remainder of the Young People are very faithful and loyal in the work of their Society in every way. And the younger ones seem more and more interested in the meetings as they get able to take part and help sing etc. It is so much pleasure to work with them and help them do their respective duties.

We have just had a very fine Easter season;with an unusually good Childrens Program;a copy of which I enclose;and we are all very,very sorry that Rev.Bingle went over to St Lawrence Island before coming here;as we were already for his being here and taking part in our Easter activity Schedule;but he did not get away from the Island;so we were dissapointed;but hope he may plan to come to us later on in the Spring. But to one who remains here;it seems that from year to year our religious activities are having a larger place in the time and life of our people;which we all know shows a tendency toward some degree of advancement in the not only spiritual;but also domestic life of the people of our church here;for which we are all thankful;and pray for God's richest blessing unto us as a body of Christian Servants working for the advancement of His kingdom on earth.

April 25, 1942

Miss Emma M. Stauffer,
Wales,
Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

In keeping with your request of April 7th, I have sent word to Seattle to send you the MinCharger. I know that you would be deprived of a real privilege if you did not have the radio to keep you in contact with the rest of the world.

I am glad that we are able to be of this small service to you. You, of course, will let me know whether or not Mr. Bingle was able to visit you on the field and you will tell me about the results.

Cordially yours,

EBK-M

Wales. Alaska.
May, 5th, 1942.

Dr. Everett B. King.
#156--5th Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr. King;

Your letter regarding my Wincharger just arrived today; and I thank you kindly for caring for this for me.

And also in today's mail; comes a long letter from Rev Bingle; and from the TONE of it it seems he is still wanting to get over here; So as he requested I am sending him word that the "Local condition is better; but if coming to come at once, etc" seems he has some friends lined up to come along too, so I decided I had best knuckle in and let him have a chance to come; tho the moral condition locally has been horrible; but my talking to the parties involved does seem to have at least "registered" in their sluggish minds, lately. Then a good family adopted one of the illegitimate children so that helped out very much too.

One of the best men in the town is so feeble and getting old that he has a better chance to maintain himself and wife and adopted child at our nearest village southward where food is more plentiful so he is leaving soon; before the Sled-trail breaks up; to live down there; and oh how I hate to have him leave us. And the other; generally speaking; better ones of the village; seem to be hoping Rev Bingle will come; since we all heard from him so often from St Lawrence Island, so I will make myself bear the shamefulness of the mistakes of these people and let him come over if he still wants to.

Locally our Ranks are thinning out, for the army, and for hunt for work; since there will be no Mining at Tin City now, it means our folks will scatter out during summer; and eventually it will mean; a definite thinning out of our people, but I'll send more in detail of this later, as I want to send this by dog sled very shortly; as we may not have mail again until by boat; unless Bingle happens this way. But I am fine and all is calm and peaceful to the best of my knowledge; so may I be

Gratefully yours

Emma M. Stauffer

Wales. Alaska.
May, 14th, 1942.

Dr. Everett B. King.
#156--5th Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr. King;

Well I am wondering if nature has your town as clearly lighted up as mine is at 11:30 P.M., and we are as bright as at mid-day. So the population is still very awake; as I just now see two girls over at the school house getting icicles from the edge of the roof, to take the place of going a mile or more from town for a good drink of water. It's very easy to get the icicle as the snow drift is still up onto the school house roof almost to the tip of the roof. Of course my roof is in the same fix; windows still snowed shut at the northern side, and western end of my place; to say not a word about the mountain of snow still at the entrance of my place. But I do think we surely have had our last real blizzard like snow storm this week; as the weather is sultry and foggy today; but we are all enjoying all our furs and woollens yet; and likely will for some weeks to come.

So as this was prayer meeting evening; and I was due to make reports too; I thought to do it all up tonight so am making this little note to mail with them. I don't see where all the people came from for our Meeting as we are so few seemingly in town these days; many have gone either to help Uncle Sam; or are away looking for work for the summer; of the latter several are married men with large families; and I fear that this making it so the men are away from their family all summer will eventually result in the moving away from Wales of several families; for good. As the younger men do not want to make their living as their parents have done; and will go far to seek work at big wages; even if it takes it all to maintain them; where the work is available. One of my Elders and his wife and adopted child have moved to Teller to live; and it seems queer in the church without him. He is not physically able to do hunting; and as the salmon are very plentiful at Teller; he can maintain himself and family there easier than up here.

And I got a Wire from Rev Bingle that he will not be here this year; yesterday. And that is a relief, as our Hunters are out often most of the 24 hrs each day hunting; and it would be very difficult to hold any definite services; except generally speaking (not totally tho) these people do try to observe Sabbath day; for which I am very thankful; this especially true of my Charter Elder. Wise and otherwise we are all fine and as busy as can be. Keep us in mind in your

prayers as we are in a bad location; if Japan decides to give us a call; but I am hoping they will be so busy elsewhere as not want to take a chance on freezing their fingers and nose to come up this way. And so may I be

Gratefully yours

Anna M. Stauffer

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May 25, 1942

Miss Emma Stauffer
For Thornton Memorial Church
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

Because of Government regulations as indicated on the enclosed circular, there will be a delay in the delivery of your Sunday School periodicals during these restrictions.

However, we assure you we shall make every effort to do everything in our power to keep your periodicals going to you as promptly as possible, and ask that you bear with us during these trying times.

We shall welcome any suggestions you may have to offer.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM P. GREEN

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Wales. Alaska.
June, 15th, 1942.

Dr. E. B. King.
#156 Fifth Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr. King;

I have received both your letters of recent dates and hope that some way will open up by which the supply of coal can get to me this summer; as that is the only article that; if it don't come will upset our work here very badly; because now I have only five sacks left from last year; it is too bad that I did not manage to get a double order; in last year, then all would be well for this winter. But in case ours don't get here; and the coal supply happens to come for our Store; do I have your permission to get coal from the Store to use in the church this coming winter season? Right now the Store is out of coal too, but their orders usually get here late in Sept. I have quite a bit of Fuel oil on hand; since I have used my stove very little in my bedroom; as I live practically (except to sleep) in the kitchen end of my house all the time. And if my coal don't get here; I may set up one oil heater in the church and use oil on one side of the church; but I don't like to do this; as the children, and even some grown-ups will meddle with the oil Feed Valve; or Safety regulator; and when I say this I speak from experience.

And I have been wanting to ask you if I may use the two huge Oil heaters (that were sent to me to place in the church the first year we used Oil for heating; and which as I have said before were not suitable for here; since I cannot have a cellar under our church; to place them as Heaters; nor I cannot set them on top of the floor and use them either; I tried that; setting them up off the floor; but even then they scorched the floor) as they are sheet iron; and have the men here make them into stove-pipes, to use in the church, as our men often make such things; and it takes so much stove pipe for the church; as it rusts out very quickly. I have another kind of oil Heater that I referred to in the first section of this letter that works fine; and is safe anywhere; if the Eskimo can't get their fingers on the mechanism of it.

And your letter about the assessment for Wales church came too; and I will send you my own check for this amount and later when the men get back from Nome where they are at work; I may bring this up before the meeting of Session; and see if they will do anything. The men who get work at the Mines of either gold or tin; make upwards of a \$1000.00 a summer, but this summer there will be only two such men in all of Wales; and they never seem to have anything; as they have so many of

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all done*

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their own Clan who have no work; that they have to maintain; so I dont have any idea what we can do about this; but will care for it later on and let you know.

As for the other folks in town they simply dont have anything to pay with; and I am wondering what will become of them this coming winter; since they have had no luck at getting their grly supply of meat from the Bering Sea this Spring: and I know they have done their part, day after day they have endured the stormy cold weather and spent; at a time the most or 24 hrs out in their boats often coming home without anything but a few ducks; which means they have scarcely anything with which to feed their lot of children.

And I dont know; there is a possibility; that if these people begin to pay something into the mission; that they will feel they have full authority over the activities of the church. As one of my Elders told me once that the mission has always given them whatever they want; as he came to me one time to get Palm olive toilet soap; well I did not give it to him, as I did not have any. I have had quite a time of it; getting these people to maintain themselves; rather than come to me; as there is not one out of ten who borrows a thing; that ever returns it; they dont intend to; as it is their idea, that the mission is here to do the hand out system to them. And 95% of them are so childlike in their intellectual powers that they wont even take care of what they have worked hard and earned moneys to buy.

Mr Youel did not seem pleased that I make frequent use of padlocks; well I know if I dont, that neither the mission; nor I would have anything. Now all this is just a little inside track talk.

But everybody seems fine and congenial; and though so many of the people are away; not so many at work, many into the army, others out of town now for a few years; still what are here, generally, are faithful to me and seem content. Yesterday evening; we had our first church service in english; as all but one man was gone from town; he could not interpret; so we had a meeting of ladies and children, but I dont know if this mode will continue or not; as they seemed to get very little of what I said. But all four boats and their crews several of which were women; had left during the P.M., as some one saw some walrus on floating ice; and I see this A.M., three boats are home; but only ONE got meat, the boat that went out first is not yet back; possibly it got too far toward Siberia, and the rough Sea will compel it to stop at the Diomed Islands for good weather to get back.

I had so many little children running wild; that I got up a little excitement amongst them; and began a Junior Christian Endeavor; and you would be surprised how many of them come straggling into their meetings these Sabbath PM's just like bedraggled ducklings; as their mothers dont worry about them; since we dont have auto's nor street cars; nor kidnappers; the children are as free as birds to roam all of the 24 hrs of day; we now have; last night after church I had 6 young girls in my house, and I kept them long after the Curfew bell 10 PM rang; let them go at 12 A.M., and as I retired at 1:30 A.M. they were still running wild along the beach.

I enjoy the daylight; but am always glad to see the time when we begin to have night again. Well I have talked much to you and hope you wont burn this ere you reach the end of it. The war I hear by my radio; and ships have drifted along here; what they were, we could not tell. The ice floes are still with us; our Bay is full,

So just speak a word in your prayers for our safety and we will do the same for you. Sincerely yours Emma M. Stauffer

Wales. Alaska.

July - 18 - 1942.

Dr. E. B. King.
#156-5th Ave.
New York.
N. Y.

Dear Dr. King:-

I imagine you have many times
thought how ungrateful a wretch I am - as to never
acknowledge receiving your Christmas gift -
and I sincerely hope you were aware of the
fact - that our mail service has not been
too efficient the winter thru. So this week's
mail has brought me not only your gift but
many other things that have been in the
Post Office in Seattle all winter among them
a qt. jar (glass) of mustard pickles that a friend
started to me last Sept. but it's O.K. and very
strange to say - not broken.

And am grateful for your book as
I use these frequently. Four families moved
away to work for government, hunting for Tin
about 50 miles southward - in off the coast,
so we are thinning out. Several men will go
after the reindeer herd very soon now, so
our meeting schedule will be disrupted
now and then temporarily - but these
tasks must be cared for and we

are all thankful to God that we are still alive and permitted to go about our daily Chores in a civilized, unmolested manner and implore you all to pray that this blessed state of peacefulness may continue to be ours in future days.

The former School Teachers have left- and the new ones are here: and all seems quite fine for all of us.

No Freight-boat has arrived yet; but rumors are to the effect that one will; by and by: and Eskimo will be glad as their supplies in the store are getting low- but I am still O.K.

And our two teachers have "irons in the fire" to shove the two "white men" out of our village- and time will reveal if we have any success.

So- all is well- locally and I beg to be gratefully yours

Emma M. Stauffer.

July 20, 1942

AIRMAIL

Miss Emma Stauffer
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

Your letter of June 15th has arrived during Dr. King's absence on vacation and will be held for his attention upon his return. In the meantime, however, I am writing to let you know that part of our Alaskan supplies are on their way and it is hopeful to get yours off very shortly, so we hope you will be satisfactorily taken care of this coming winter. However, should something go wrong, I know Dr. King will be glad to have you purchase coal from the local store.

Your check for \$20. has been received and has been credited to the Wales Church.

We here in the office certainly hope things are going along all right up in your part of the world and certainly think of you often. To us here it seems like a very far-away place to be in times like these.

Cordially yours,

Secretary to Dr. King

McE

Wales.. Alaska.

July, 13th, 1942.

Dr. E. B. King.
#156; Fifth Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr King;

Enclosed are my reports for this month; and you will notice the attendance is dropping; but it is due to the fact that many are out of town and those that are here are mostly asleep, at Sabbath School time; and by evening service time; those who are not exactly observing the Sabbath day; are engaged in some work that takes not only themselves; but several others also. But on the whole; they do very, very well; some cases of sickness that keeps several at home. The Army about wrecked our Young Peoples Society; but those here are doing better than usual. And my Juniors are a real treat to me. Sabbath is a very busy day; but balance of the week, I see very few of the people, as they are gone somewhere after something.

Mail service is very haphazard; now, more than ever; an Army man was here in connection with Bureau of Mining; asked me how many white folks were here; so suppose he was thinking how to get us out of here if the came closer; and we are wondering the same thing too. But so far *Japs* all is well. Pray for our safety. Sincerely *Emma M. Stauffer*

QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER

From Wales. Alaska.

Church Thornton Memorial.

Date July. 13th, 1942.

NOTE— This quarterly news letter is to be written in addition to all other reports. Use it for reporting the outstanding experience or experiences during the past three months in your church.

Dear Dr. King;

Here comes the Reports again; it seems to me the Time flies very quickly now; and we are all wanting it to hurry along; and bring us again into the Dark season; since there are many reasons why it would be a great satisfaction to us in these troublous Times; as you know that the Alleutian Islands are not too far distant from us; and we are not the only Alaskans who want the dark season to hurry along this way.

We have enjoyed a very quiet and seemingly peaceable time all of this Quarter; there are not so many here, but what are here are very loyal, and faithful. The one man who has been working in Nome, has come home; because he said he just could not tolerate the living conditions for the Eskimo there; his brother, and nephew are still there at work out from Nome; at the Co's Camp; so he may try to keep on, for the summer season. His family is still in Wales, I hope remains here, as they have many boys.

And I have letters from one of our boys out in a Hospital for soldiers in Vancouver Wash. This one may get sent home. Many others are in the army.

Last summer; we closed down the Young People's Society for the summer; but this year we are trying to keep it open thru the summer; and it is only fairly well attended; as often the folks are out over the hills and too far out to get back for the meeting. But the Junior folks do better at being present; if they are not asleep; and are a very lively, interesting group to work with.

Right today; it seems that four families will move away to a Mining place called; Lost River; between here and Teller; as Alaska Bureau of Mines has sent a Representative here for them and this means a heavy toll out of town; and also means a nice income for the Eskimo too; and it remains to be seen how much good it will do them, very little unless we get supplies for our store; and so far there is no word of any ship; of course we know the government don't allow any word sent out about ships; so we are patiently waiting and hope to some day see a ship appear along the horizon; all unannounced; with our supplies on it, but how it can get past that Mess at the Alleutian Islands will be a mystery to us all. But some Transports have gotten thru safely.

And as for other news we don't have any; we got that huge whale cut up and stored away and are now getting ready for to Round up reindeer for the summer counting and marking; it takes a month at least.

Wales. Alaska.

July, 25th, 1942.

Dr. Everett B. King.
#156 Fifth Ave.
New York.
N.Y.

Dear Dr King;

The enclosed papers have come to me; but I send them on to you because so far the mission Board has always ordered the papers etc for Wales; and maybe if I order; they will charge me for them; I do not know just how this is handled. But I intend to bring the matter of the money you requested up before the Session just as soon as the members of it all get home; which maybe in October. And I will see how they accept that; and report to you on it.

And I am wondering how it might do; for to let the church furnish the expense of the Sabbath School papers; in case they reject the responsibility of giving the \$20.00. I seek your advice on this. But if they balk at everything; I don't think it wise to let what we have established here fail; just because of the indifference of these Eskimo; whom, I think to judge from their past maneuvers; will maybe say they depend on the mission to maintain the church etc; which is their actual opinion; I know it well.

The Publishing Co. need not worry about us right now needing the supplies; we always are 6 months back in all such, but they could keep on

*we receive the same
materials from Chas. Edm. &
cut down the amount of
each quarter's supply*

sending supplies as usual; if they will put them into smaller sized packages; than formerly.

So far all is well here; new teachers here; and seem fine; Governor of Alaska visited us; the village; gave instruction etc, and our quota of guns, etc will be forth coming ere many more weeks go by. Nome is literally alive with soldiers etc etc; so I am told; but so far only the rocky Aleutian Islands have been molested; but we have U.S. Patrol up this way; for a long time now. Locally we go about our daily tasks as usual, here we continue to so. I have no idea when we may see the Mail man again; but you will eventually get this I hope. And I beg to be

Sincerely yours in the Master's service.

P.S. I have just learned that the former school teachers went to the trouble to inform Mr. Youel that so and so was now Postmaster; and I was the Assistant; on which I humbly beg to inform you that I refused to have anything to do with the office; and the Eskimo begged me to help him; because he said he needed some one who had had experience in the work to help him; when he needed help; so everything seems peaceful now in the village, since the old teachers are gone. But rest assured that I am not helping the man only as requested; and I don't see why Mr. Youel has any business; nor did the teachers have; to meddle with things which are none of their concern.

Emma M. Stauffer

E. M. S.

August 19, 1942

AIRMAIL

Miss Emma Stauffer
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

Thank you for the delayed acknowledgment of the Christmas book. I sincerely trust that you are finding it a source of strength for you during these days. These are times when we need to be sure that our spiritual reservoirs are continually being refilled.

In regard to the inquiry that you made relative to the orders for Sunday School materials - I am glad to say that renewals are automatically made by us each quarter. If you have any difficulty in receiving the shipment, please let me know.

With conditions so uncertain and with dangers ever approaching my prayer is that the Lord may keep you strong and steadfast

Cordially yours,

EBK:McE

Wales. Alaska.
Aug. 13th. 1942.

Dr. Everett B. King.
#156- 5th Ave.
New York.
N.Y.

Dear Dr. King;

Tho I am not listed to write you at this time; but when my reports go; you might care to have a word to at least give you some idea as to how we are faring in these "days of war".

We are very few in population these days; because the married men who went early last Spring to Nome for to work all summer; have both returned and taken their families; and gone along with three other families to work for Uncle Sam; ah hem; away down the coast from here. And several more families went in July to help another Reindeer Unit; than ours; to get reindeer meat for the same Party: Uncle Sam; so just yesterday four half families went camping to gather greens for to put up for next winter; and that leaves us just five families, some of which are few in number, in town; and just six half families; by these I mean where some of them are either away working; or some are helping with the reindeer work. So our town seems more deserted than when you were here last year. But the folks who are here are very faithful and co-operative in everything, so all seems well.

Our new teachers seem to be getting adjusted very agreeably to we all; for which we are very thankful; to say the least.

I have spent the most of yesterday and already part of today; doctoring a child who is very sick with an upset stomach which has gotten it to the place where anything makes trouble; and as all the older children are girls; it is a ticklish job, to get the parents to not cater to the child's whims; but it looks now as if I may succeed; but there have been many such cases in town, and it is strange to the parents of this child that theirs is so sick; while others got over it in a day or two. But I can make some headway at helping in the medical line now since those two white men have gone; the army called one; and the other one left here too, the same day; for which we are thankful.

We don't get much news; except that of war; by radio, but a chance Traveler comes our way; as one did lately, and told us our yearly Supplies will be coming ere long; and that such was on its way northward; and we saw that ONE going by here. And we will will be indeed grateful to our heavenly Father for all things; He has been most merciful to us all this summer; and we are thankful we are having night now. Weather is fine; but cold.

Thanking you for your prayers and help I beg to be

Gratefully yours

Emma M. Stauffer

Wales. Alaska.
Sept. 2nd, 1942.

Dr. Everett B. King.
#156--5th Ave.
New York.
N.Y.

Dear Dr King;

Well, after a long wait we did get some mail, the other night at midnight; it seemed like civilization again to see the Light of a ship away out to Sea. But it slowly came nearer until we knew it was our little mailboat. And it would surprise you to know how many of the few men we have here were still not abed at that hour; and one came and very patiently, and persistently tapped and tapped on my bedroom window just to tell me ship was going by; but when I saw it I told the man I thought it was our mail boat; then they quietly settled down in a huddled group by the school house; as we all watched the ships maneuvers; finally I gave one man my flashlight and told him to go down along the beach and meet the Dory that was coming in toward our beach, then I wakened the teachers to join the crowd. And dear brother; it turned out to be I was right; for it was our mailboat. And we all got oh so much mail; and are very happy to hear from our friends back "home".

Both your Secretaries and your letter arrived, and I am glad to know that my supplies are like y on their way here, I had already gotten 5 sacks of coal from the Store; as the wet weather has made it necessary to have a little fire in our church each Meeting time all summer season; too cold to call summer. But my personal supplies are still okay; got flour from the store, and those two rascals of white men ere they left town were selling their supplies; so I bot more flours from them, so I am well stocked with food stuffs. Our Eskimo have been howling for coffee, sugar lard etc etc for weeks; as the store is out of these articles.

Locally all is quiet; have not seen anything of awar like nature; and dont want to either. Most of our folks are out of town; but the weather is getting very wet, cold and windy, so are long families will come struggling home; and the children will be sick etc as I hear the lumps are coming around our way; hope I dont find them; teachers wife did have them, but ha ha she thinks she is still getting wisdom teeth; well the teeth did not appear, but she is okay now. And I am fine so far; of course I try to keep myself in good shape; folks laugh at me wearing woollens so much; well I am okay in them, so I know I need them; so I laugh with them and let them tease away.

Now my friends at a little church back home have sent me \$10.00 and I send it to you to credit to Wales church work. I recall

-- speaking of our work here etc one evening when at home;and how we had such a hard time getting there in the mud and snow but the Chauffer was a son of an old school mate of mine;so we did get thru and on time too. And there were a a fine crowd of young folks mostly newly weds etc. But I little dreamed they would ever follow up my little talk with money,so I turn it over to you and I myself will write to the Donators as I know nearly all of them. I will send you a check,and send the money with other moneys to the bank;so I will not have to register both letters.

Your secretary mentioned that this section of the world seems so far away from your part of it;well we are as far as human wisdom goes;but I know that God is just as near to us as He is to your new York Office and we do our best to keep up our courage by trusting in God and hoping for the best; as I tell my Eskimo to "Do your duty,that is best; And leave to God,all the rest" and this what I myself try to do. I just pray God may keep me well and good as I am now,so I can be of service to anyone who needs my help any time it is needed; and we are all thankful for God'smercy to us;sparing us from the invasion of our place by our country's enemy;these long summer days;and hope we may fare as well in the future Times.

And now I beg to be Gratefully yours

Emma M. Stauffer.

September 24, 1942

AIRMAIL

Miss Anna Stauffer
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

Thank you for the \$10. gift that was sent to you by your little church back home. The amount has been duly credited to the Wales work.

In regard to the songbooks, it was our thought that these books would be used in the church and would not be for sale. If, however, you feel that the books would meet a greater need and serve a larger purpose by selling them to individuals, then I suggest that you charge \$1.00.

I am sure that you have already received your supplies. I hope that everything has arrived in good shape and that you have received what you asked for.

Cordially yours,

EBK:McE

Wales. Alaska.
Sept. 22nd, 1942.

Dr Everett B. King.
#156. 5th Ave.
New York.
N.Y.

Dear Dr King;

Likely you have had all sorts of ideas about us up here; and so suspicioning this I thought I had best send you a few lines, along with the enclosed Reports.

A part of our population came straggling home last Saturday; a disgruntled lot; tired and half frozen; children sick, coughing etc etc; but they say they are glad to get home; and I assure you we; the few of us that were left here are very glad to have this many back in town.

Many other families are still away; and some of these who have gotten back will go after the women folks and children of these, who are still obliged to keep on at digging for Uncle Sam; you know who this is, likely you are better acquainted with him than I am, at least you see his maneuvers more often than I can up here, tho he has been known to be as far up north as here; and we are very glad to see him any time he can come..

Our weather is horrible today it is so cold and wet like a fog in England; would freeze a dog; and we have had our first real snow storm for this season; last Sabbath a week ago so it is cold; in the full sense of the word.

But we are pegging away, school has started long ago, but I have not yet began my usual schedule of childrens classes because there are still so few of them here. But I manage to keep busy enough to keep out of mischief. Am fine in every way.

I shall not close this letter as I may have something to add to it, before the mail happens around this section; if it ever gets up enough courage to brave this cold, snow, & rough sea.

Sept, 26th. Well the much looked for Navigator; ahem, get it; has not turned up so maybe I had better close this and have it ready. The weather has kept our folks from getting balance of our folks home yet; but outlook is better tonight. Wise and other wise all is well and we prayerfully hope such conditions may continue and I beg to be Gratefully yours

Emma M. Stauffer

QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER

From _____ Wales. Alaska.

Church _____ Thornton Memorial.

Date _____ October. 15th, 1942.

NOTE—This quarterly news letter is to be written in addition to all other reports. Use it for reporting the outstanding experience or experiences during the past three months in your church.

Dear Dr. King;

And herein you will find my Report for this Quarter; and you will notice how the numbers fluctuate; and this will give you some idea as to the transiency of my Congregation.

But all are home now that are coming home for the winter, to the best of my knowledge. One family, and several young men (not in army service); and several in army service; are away for an indefinite time. Several of these folks were steady workers in church work; and we are feeling the loss of their help very much, in Sabbath school.

But those left here are most certainly trying; 99% of them to do as best they can. And they have been most faithful and loyal to the church and me thru some very trying times this past summer; as this Race of people are most Clanish; and if some one starts anything; often the whole folk will follow; and actually the majority dont have any idea what they are working at or to what end their work will be. So many times when the main leaders are absent in summer; I feel as if it is useless sometimes to try to hold any meeting; but some how I always try and trust God to manage things; and all goes well.

I have no idea just how we are going to manage Christmas this year; we did not get any coal; in fact I got nothing at all; but my Larder is full; so I will fare, personally quite alright; but I feel sorry that I wont have any TREAT for my numerous little children; but teachers think we will have another chance; well, I dont; I have lived here too long to even hope for such; again, because the horizon etc, etc is now jammed full of icebergs; and it looks so badly that I say, only an insane Captain; would attempt it again. Of course I am thankful we have as much as we have; but why in the world they dont start up here earlier I dont understand; for we are now in the full GRIP of winter.

Am having to delete the widweek prayer service; for the time being off my schedule; maybe when things get settled down; we can arrange to hold it one evening at the school house; as it is heated six days weekly all winter, but just now that is out of the question. Quite a crowd of the R.C. from little Diomed Island are camped on our beach now for many, many weeks, they too decided to get back home too late and rough sea dont let them go; so that is that; they are here; and their LEADER arrived today, which makes matters worse. So I fear the results. And will have to set up oil stoves in the church again, after I wait a day or two to see if that hoped for (by teachers) chance comes true; that the coal may yet arrive, but I dont think so unless by dog sled from 65 miles south of us next Mar. or April.

But I called a meeting of all officers; and it would be a surprise to you to know how many of them, I got started to work in the S.S., oh I have asked one to work that is not exactly what I want; but I had to use some strategy to get him; off his fence, so to speak, as often I find Satan is easier to handle at close range than upon his fence; now we have all native S.S. Teachers, and are they pleased with it; yes. Presented the coal you mentioned; and I hope you will hear from it later.

Wise and otherwise we are fine, contented, busy, sorry you are too far away to talk to. When & if Rev. Bingle comes next spring, I wish to get

another Elder elected and ordained. because one of ours; a fine man, moved away south; to take his name, because of poor health, not able to stand winter hunting etc, and oh I miss him so much, much in the church work, and the community have been lamenting his loss very much lately.

And I beg you to remember us all in your daily prayers; and I thank you kindly for the fine letter of encouragement received lately. And may I say I still enjoy my work here more than any place else could be enjoyed and hope it may be the will of my heavenly Father to let me continue; as I am fine; and hope to manage somehow to get thru this winter; and hope for better treatment for all of us for future. I dare not come out much with details; government orders, keep quiet.

So Happy Thanksgiving to all the office folks from

A grateful Co-worker ~~in~~ Alaska.

Emma M. Stauffer

October 23, 1942

AIRMAIL

Miss Emma M. Stauffer
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the bill which has been charged to you personally. We will pro rata this amount over the next twelve months at the rate of \$6.80 per month.

We trust that your supplies arrived in good order and hope that you have enough on hand to last until next summer.

Cordially yours,

McE

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Personal Charge
deducted 6.80 per mo

Wales. Alaska.
Oct. 31st. 1942.

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Pacific Coal Co -

Dr. Everett B. King.
#156 Fifth Ave.
New York.
N.Y.

Dear Dr. King;

Your letter requesting the Inventory did not get to me until October 26th; and I am sorry to be so late complying with your request. But have just tonight finished it so will enclose it herein and hope it reaches you before too long.

And I forgot to add in the Inventory; the supply of Hymn -books recently received; but I have sold several out of the supply; and the others are still here.

And you will maybe wonder at so many things marked old, usable, but may I explain such things are being used as long as usable; then when they are worn out, I gave them out to the people; as I don't have space to clutter up my home with old articles; that I cannot use at all.

And many things that were in the old Inventory; are not in this one; as they just gave out entirely. And so now I don't have them to account for. And before too many months a lot of my cooking utensils will just leak so much I will discard them; and some dishpans too.

And the Large Rugs I have here will soon be discarded too. But just don't get it into your head that this church owns anything; it don't even let me forget that it wants new seats; or chairs for the church, but as long as I have any say here; they will continue to use just what are here; for these seats are, very good and strong; suitable for Eskimos. And I certainly will not ever recommend any chairs find their way into this church; as they would be short lived; unless each family buys their own chairs. And maintains them.

Our church bell is mounted on wooden standards because its metal soon broke; but it is working fine now.

And by the way; did you know I did not get not one ICTA of this year's order of SUPPLIES; and where are they now; I sent out 29 empty oil drums; consigned to Mr Howell, Seattle. What can be done as to supplies. I must have some in future year's order; shall I send it in January as usual?

Can you investigate; as I have several articles coming in that I just can't afford to lose; will they come next season?

Please let me hear from you on this matter; later.

And Much as I wanted those window shades; I did not get even one; have old papers and denim etc; for blackouts. Some windows at Manse never did have blinds; others got burnt in the fire last winter, but can't get anything now I guess.

Wise and otherwise; we are fine and seemingly all's well.

And wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving I await word from
you as to where our ORDER has gone to? I am getting along;
but where are our things gone to?

Cordially yours

Emma M. Stauffer.

Wales. Alaska.

Nov.3rd,1942.

Dr.Everett B.King.
#156--5th Ave.
New York.
N.Y.

Dear Dr.King;

I have mailed you the inventory,dont know if it is traveling yet or not,but I dont think it is,but it will get to you sometime ere next year,I hope. But in my rounds this morning I came across two items that you may wonder why I did not include them,which are Mantles for gas Lamps 7 dozen;
Generators " " " 5 " asst,kinds.

And there are several things around here that are useless and when a proper opportunity affords it I shall dispose of them to some native for some work or chores etc

The old rockers you had on your previous Inventory just gave out,and could not be used to sit in,so they are not on your present list. I bought a heavy little wagon(as children use) to have for my Chore-boy to haul water in;in summer,as many other articles on your list,I know you do have mission Bills for;because I needed them here and have bought them myself;and I am now before for Censoring;if you wish to do it,but go ahead, I maybe deserve it,but I have spent many years of my life in places where it was a great pleasure to me to provide some things that I might use a part of the material God gives me for His work, and Wales is one of those places. You have no idea what comfort this big organ is to us;the we cannot use it in the churches it simply will not tolerate the darkness there;we carry it over only for special occassions,and bring it back to Manse;where the Choir or selected Singers come to use it in song practice as they desire.

Am very sorry to have to delete our mid-week service but we just have to do it;to conserve our fuel supply;as maybe next winter will be no better;but I hope and trust it will be better.

One of my Elders called in last evening awhile; and I can tell you that from what he told me you will hear from these people later on;as to your request;possibly before winter really gets started,and he showed a fine spirit about it all too.

And may I ask you this; When the mission pays Freight rates for goods sent us ;does what you pay include its delivery onto our beach? Now please be careful how you go about inquiring for an answer for methis question invdies much that would save me many a little misunderstanding if I had the rock bottom of the situation. So awaiting your reply and thanking you for your kindness and helpful prayers - beg to be

Yours in the service of our Master.

Anna M. Stauffer

This will be from Nov 9, to Nov 14, th

Wales. Alaska. Nov. 9th, 1942.

At a meeting of the church Session and all Officers, Interpreters, And Choir Committee, held after services in the church last evening; all persons present decided to give every one an opportunity to help to win the Goal set for our church; which is \$20.00.

Will every one desiring to help to win this goal please write their name; and the amount they wish to donate for this purpose on this paper.

Thank you;

Signed: All Church Officers.

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Louis's family	2.00	1.25
Mr & Mrs Dingle Tevok	1.00	1.00
Mr & Mrs Winton Wapapak	1.00	
Charles Amuk & family	2.00	
Carl K. Goreck & Family	2.00	
Alfred P. Mayama	.50	
Walter Atah	.50	
Peter Ihornia		.50
Robert Mayukok	1.00	
McGowan Wapapak	1.00	
Willie K Angnabogak family		1.00
Bob Jokemma family		1.00
Willie S. Family		1.00
Mr & Mrs Chyde		1.50
Roland K	1.50	
Andrew Seetook	11.50	6.75
	75	
Store	6.75	
	20.00	

Wales. Alaska.
Nov. 16th, 1942.

Dr. Everett B. King.
#156-Fifth Ave.
New York.
N.Y.

Dear Dr. King;

I presume you are wondering; well, what does Wales want now. And the fact is that I am not wanting anything at all, rather I want to send you what I have for you. As I have just been handed the total of the goal you had set for our people here; and am very happy in deed to send this to you. And may I request that you send me a receipt for the \$20.00 enclosed, as I promised these people I would get such for them.

Also please let the \$20.00; I had given you sometime ago; tentative to attaining this goal here; stand, as it is, as I wish to give you this amount for this church also; as I already have the receipt in hand for my \$20.00.

Am sorry you are so far away; it is out of the question for to get you to help us out with our unusual seige of severe colds, coughing etc; we all seem to have it, and it is acting very hard on we all, but today is the first sign of it letting up even a little bit amongst us. We had a great time trying to sing yesterday for church services etc, but we did it.

And we have plans all set for a special Thanksgiving Service and Feast as usual; to be held in the church, on that day. So I assure you we all wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas; if this ever gets out to you. And thanking you for all your kindness to us we wish to be

Gratefully yours

Emma M. Stauffer

Wales. Alaska.
Nov.17th,1942.

Dr.Everett B.King.
#156--5th.Ave.
New York.
N.Y..

Dear Dr.King;

Well:you will surely wonder why I did not put my reports in with that other letter;but the fact of the matter is that at that moment;I didnot have my reports ready. And when the Sessions Clerk brought that paper with its List of Subscribers etc etc to me;he was all excited and wanted the whole letter fixed up at once so he could get it registered and ready to send on its way,if by chance any way opened up to send it. And after we held our first Meeting of the Session and all of the church Officers; jointly,after church service one Sabbath evening(I had to hold it when I could get all of them at home);when they had held a lengthy discussion in their language;and then as I sat and waited for them to decide what they wished to do;I really was surprised to hear they were all in favor of responding to your request. Of course I know we have a few who could easily handle it,but we have many who just do not have much. So then I had to later call another meeting to find out when they intended to respond;and I asked them to manage it so as many as wanted to could have a share in it. One young man who missed out,when the paper was Posted; came rushing to my place Monday A M,said he wanted to have a share in that business too,so we got his name on the List and he and all the others seem very happy over everything.

But when they were so good to respond to my request, I told them I would give the same amount they would give;and had to let the Clerk read my letter to prove to him,that I hhad already given my share;that is why I want you to leave mine stand as it is;so that will make us forty dollars,for this year from here. And honestly,brother,what wouldn't I give for even that amount of coal to use in my church now-a-days.

Of course we are getting along;but I dont appreciate this business of getting out early each Sabbath,and lighting the Oil stoves in the church about 8.A.M.But the Eskimo are not used to oil burners,so I must do it this winter,and hope for coal for next winter. Wise and otherwise all is well and we all wish you a good Holiday season,and hope to hear from you ere winter is over. And I beg to be

Sincerely yours *Emma M. Stauffer*

Wales. Alaska.
Nov.27th,1942.

Dr.Everett B.King.
#156-5th Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr. King;

Well; at last we did get some mail; which brot Miss Gillespie's letter with the check from folks in Oregon;for \$2,50;which I will use locally for our needs for Christmas. Will you please tell Miss Gillespie that I shall acknowledge this gift direct to the Oregon folks; I appreciate her sending it on to me here.

The mail also brot your letter about my monthly expense for personal things;that should have come this Fall; and about which you likely have my letter in hand;ere this; so;what will you do about the mess now;and where are the goods; I assure you I did not even get a "sniff" of them;much less possess them. I know this is not your fault;and I dont blame you nor any one connected with the sending of them;it is a most unpleasant situation;but why should I grumble;"nuf ced"

But what can be done;so we will not get the same treatment for another year's supplies. The school teachers did not even get their food suffs that were on the same "thing"; so as I know the nearby Dealers better than they did;I managed to get hold of enough things for them;to carry thru this winter; but;brother;are we all out of humor;to say the least;and I am really sorry for the Eskimo;who did finally get food stuffs;for the store;they say too much;they got extra for another year;by order of higher authority;but nothing in the line of oil,etcetc. Until by one Eskimo using his"wits" much better than any of them ever get credit for doing; managed to get hold of a few Drums of gas, and some fuel oil. They have been borrowing the latter from me for some time to use in their little "office room" in the store where they have to sit and write and fix accounts of store;but they will return it later when they get their own supply in.

We are using oil to heat the church;and are getting along,but we do not appreciate it;because it is so slow heating;and our church is so large;but not too large;as you would know if you saw us all in it for Thanksgiving etc;we had a nice Day;but there is an unseen but;easily felt; tenseness over the war situation,that permeates every meeting we have:of any kind. As many of our choice young men are "at the front somewhere" and their absence is felt very much.

The last mail also brot your letter about the inquiry I had made as to the price of the Hymn-books; for which I thank you kindly.

But as the letter was so long getting here; and folks asked for books, since they had the "manilla back" I charged them each 35¢, and they now know that will be the price of this kind. And I thought that you knew some body before me; I think Percy Iokalok, began to sell the books; and he told me I was to use the proceeds from the sale of them and pay for the lamps in the church; which I did. Then wahani got a new "Batch" of Hymn books I kept on selling them out to the people at the same price of 50¢ each for those with the Card-board backs; and always sent the proceeds of the sales to the Mission office in the form of my own check. Now if you recommend that such books be placed in the church for the use of the public; I shall do so.

But before you come to the decision to do this may I say that; any one who has worked amongst these folks; cannot but observe; that if a child wants to make use of the hymn book; it is given full liberty to do so; in any shape and form its little mind desires; and you nor me nor anyone may dare to teach the child to preserve the book. So I can see that if; the mission provides free song books; it will be a mistake; as it will only give them the idea that; even more things should be provided free for them. And surely they can spend some money for a song book; as well as they can buy radios, windchargers, batteries, sewing machines, when one gets a little worn; it is discarded, and a new one gotten.; victrolas, records. etc etc and an unreasonable amount of "clothes", all beacuse they dont know; nor do they want to know how to make their possessions serve them; after the glamor of newness is worn off. One even has Washing machin

And if you dont know what I mean; you should see how I have to be on the watch to keep "Coxes army" off the little organ; I mean folding one oh and the new big one gets the same treatment; when I am out of sight, and it would not last one month; if I did not keep on my job. My older church folks are grand; you cant find any better ones anywhere; but they wont; nor will they allow you to discipline their children. The big new organ; just wont play when it stays long in the damp church; so I have it in the Manse; and let it be carried over to church for Christmas celebrat and the folks come and practice on it at the Manse; those who can play, or are learning to play. This way I can take care of my own and mission things as well.

The moral is; that if they own anything; and they want to smash it; or tear up the new Hymn-book; it is theirs; so let them possess their own; and when it wears out if they want a new one they will know it is of some value.

And now you will be surprised to know that I am going to send my order for next years supplies out in this letter; as there are no hopes of any definite mail service in the future; if such exists; our Postmaster has not been notified of it; so as a native expects to go sout some day soon I will send my order out now hoping it will meet up with some sort of conveyance that will get it out to the states in time to get onto something to be Delivered in 1943. So it is on the attached sheet and hope we fare better than we have this year.

And thanking you for your kindness and help all thru this year may I say; all seems well; as far as I know; so wishing you all a good holiday season I beg to remain

Gratefully yours

Emura M. Stauffer

November, 27th, 1942.

Yearly order for supplies for Wales Alaska for summer of 1943.
to be sent to Emma M Stauffer. Wales. Alaska. Unless otherwise
ordered by the Board of National Missions, or Dr Everett B King.

To wit;;

Same order of articles sent for in 1942; not received;
and,

60:drums of Fuel oil #34 Grade.
2::" Aviation gasoline for lamps(for 2 or 3yrs supply)
1: " kerosene oil.

4 Cases of Tomatoes. # 3 cans.
4 " Black berries 3 "
2 " Tomatoe Soup 2 "
1. " Eggs;processed ---30 doz.

Please Dr.King; Understand that the oil,60 drums,Aviation 2 drums
gasoline, and 1 drum kerosene oil are to be added to the order which
I sent to you for supplies for 1942;which includes coal for 2 yrs,
and what personal supplies I will not be able to get locally to do me
for some two years or so.

And if there is any question about further trouble as for the
Delivery of articles;it would be best to increase or double the order
given above for fuel oil;because if I have something for fuel, I will
do my best to get along with what other things I can get;nearer to me.
And I did not give any Brand for the vegetables above;just send me what
can be gotten;just so I get something;and thank you so much,for all
the trouble I have been to you. So may I be

Sincerely yours

Emma M. Stauffer.

January 6, 1943

AIR MAIL

Miss Emma M. Stauffer
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

First of all let me express to you my sincere appreciation for the \$20.00 that we received yesterday. Your letter was dated November 16. Enclosed is a treasurer's receipt for this amount of money. I was also grateful to receive the list of names with the designated amount of the gift of each person. Please express to the members of the church there in Wales, the appreciation of the Board of National Missions for this fine gift.

In regard to your supplies, I am at a loss to know what to say. So far as we have any knowledge of the supplies, they were purchased and delivered. The bills were received here in the office, and we paid them. \$81.57 was charged against your personal account and the treasurer was notified to deduct this money at the rate of \$6.80 per month from your salary. The coal bill was paid, and I do not understand why it was not delivered.

I am writing to Mr. William J. Howell in Seattle and asking him to make a check on this matter as soon as possible.

I want you to send in your requisition list for the shipment of this summer 1943. Again this year, let me ask that you list your askings separately, that is, give us a list of all articles that will be charged to your personal account and a separate list of all articles that will go to maintenance. I should like to have this list in my office as soon as possible.

The question that you raise on the mission paying freight rates for goods sent to the mission station is simply this. Our mission pays the freight to the station, but does not include its delivery to the beach. I understand that this delivery from the ship when it is docked to the beach is a long shore item and is not a part of the freight charges, added to our bill from the port to the destination.

Miss Emma M. Stauffer

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January 6, 1943

The items that you have listed for your 1942 order that were not received such as: —

60 drums of Fuel oil #34 Grade.
2 " Aviation gasoline for lamps (for 2 or 3 yr supply)
1 " Kerosene oil
4 cases of Tomatoes #3 cans
4 " Black berries #3 cans
2 " Tomato Soup #2 cans
1 " eggs processed — 30 doz.

were not included in the original order that was made for you. Herewith is a copy of your requested list for 1942, and the items that were shipped.

Cordially yours,

EBK/mk

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Wales. Alaska.
Jan.8th,1943

Dr.Everett B.King.
#156--5th Ave.
New York.
N.Y.

Dear Dr.King;

Since I sent you my little Order for supplies for 1943 I have been talking about the possibility of getting supplies in here this year with our government teachers;so in the course of the conversation I remarked that I had just added a little to the same order that I had given you last year,that was not delivered, and expected both last years supply order and what I sent you this year to arrive in due time this summer season. To which they replied; that I had made a big mistake;because the Transportation Co.would come to some settlement with the mission Board for the Shipment;and would confiscate the whole of it as they pleased,and I would find myself without my supplies being delivered as I expected.

So I have decided to write to you and put both orders together and send it out to you by first chance out of here;so there can be no mistake on my part;if the supplies do not arrive this summer; so here are what is wanted(exactly as I sent you before)1942 and 1943 all to come up this year;please.

Candy----2--50 lb hard,mixed candy;PAIS or sturdy Containers.
Flour----2- BB1 Pillsberry Best Flour;BOXED in 100 lbs each.
Sugar--- 2--100 lb Sugar:white Cane; " " " "
Cornmeal-1--100 " Corn Meal;yellow; " " " "
Cereal---1--100 " Rolled Oats;Cereal; " " " "
Peanuts--2--50 lb Peanuts,roasted in shells;these also BOXED.
Popcorn-----60 " "Jolly Time" Popp-corn(in tins) " "
Fire Ext-2 Quart Size Fire Extinguisher.
Pyrene---2 Quarts:extra:Refill;Pyrene.
Eggs-----1 Case;eggs;processed;------(30 dozen)
Soups----2 Cases To mato Soup; Campbells if available. cans #2.
Berries--4 " Blackberries-----"---#3.
Tomatoes-4 " Tomatoes -----"---#3.
Fuel-oil-60 Drums Fuel oil # 34 grade
Gas;AVI--2 " Aviation gasoline for Lamps.
Oil-----1 " Kerosene oil.

Coal-----6 TONS COAL;hard,Utah.

And I will send this to you as soon as possible;and honestly hope I have made ^{not} a mistake in so doing. For I have not heard from you about anything as to expectations as to delivery of supplies. But of course I know;you are possibly like us up here;hear some things; but dont know just what to believe;as there is so much Propaganda sailing over the air;that one just dont know what is coming next .

And since I last wrote you;have heard some rumors of activities that will take many of our people away early this Spring;so if you send Rev Bingle;send him soon,word to me not necessary;just send him.

And I beg to me

Gratefully yours

Emma M. Stauffer

January 13, 1943

AIR MAIL

Miss Emma M. Stauffer
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

No one knows at this point whether or not the shipment of supplies will be made this next summer. In order to be safe you should send me your requisition list as soon as possible, and no later than April 1.

We should have this information in our hands early in order that we can make the plans for the necessary shipment. Again this year I want you to follow the plan of giving me two separate lists, one list will be your personal items, and these will be charged against your salary. The other list will include the items for maintenance, and they will be charged against the Board.

It is so much easier for you to make this division, then it is for us here at headquarters. I hope that you will prepare the list and send it immediately.

Cordially yours,

EBK/mk

Wales. Alaska.
Jan.15th.1943.

Dr.Everett B.King.
#156--5th Ave.
New York.
N.Y.

Dear Dr.King;

And here it is Report time again;the Time flies so rapidly these days;that I have not gotten caught up with my chores that backed up during the Holiday season,enough to know that it is actually the middle of January today. But the days are getting longer daily;as the daylight time tells us;so the lamps are not used quite as much as before Christmas day. And of course each day brings us nearer the warm season;when I am sure every person here will be very glad of;because it has been and will be for three months yet;a problem to get something to use as fuel to warm their little homes.

You should have my Christmas letter long ere you get this one;and had I known everything,I could have put this one Reports etc in the same envelope;because the Driver of the team of dogs went some few miles and came back,but got away the next day ere I saw him. But there are dog teams going to and fro both north,and south of us these times. So I think if Rev Bingle happens to get to Teller(that is if you send him);as modes of transportation seems available between there and Nome;frequently, that he could hire a dog team to bring him here;but it will be very likely a two day trip;as the Driver will not want to travel after dark;so will stop at a shelter cabin;so Bingle will have to borrow or rent a reindeer "Sleeping bag" somewhere;I cannot tell him where from. But it would be better for him to get into Nome the last day or about the first days of a month;then he is likely to get passage on a scheduled trip here;and tell him if he comes directly here;to be sure and arrange with his(Driver or)Pilot; to come back for him in about four days;allowing himself a Sabbath day here in the village;otherwise he would not see but the children women,and a few men;as all goes hunting for something daily.

Now I seem to have told you all the exciting events of this Quarter in the Christmas letter;and I hope you may pass that over to the Publicity Dept.,so they can have it along with the long letter I sent to Miss Gillespie some months ago;to use in their work.

I have not yet opened up my childrens Bible classes since Christmas season;because my two C.E.Societies take in all ages;the Jr.takes every child ten yrs old and under that wants to come;and the Sr. C.E.S.,takes in all over ten yrs of age that want to come; so if you get tired working with your Young folks over there;just hop over here for one day with my crowd;then you would appreciate what ever sort of C.E.S.,you may have over there. I miss the young men the army took;to help with the activities of the Sr.C.E.work.

But soon we will be getting ready for Easter and then you will hear more in detail from both C.E.Societies. And just remember us all at the throne of grace,please. Sincerely *E.M. Stauffer*

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Return to Dr King

Monday
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Wales. Alaska.
Dec. 29th, 1942.

Dr. Everett B. King.
#156-5th Ave.
New York.
N.Y.

Dear Dr. King;

Well: I suppose your Christmas season is over; and you all are settling in for work in the coming year with a great many thoughts; as to what the future year's work will reveal. And I hope you all enjoyed the Holiday season; we have; as best we could, under the circumstances; and are so happy to have the sun shine brightly these days; as it is much more cheery; but it is still plenty cold. But these days find practically every man gone with his dog sled for wood for fuel; as our Store is just out of Kerosene oil; and several other Staple necessities, so; as the days get longer; and the sun shines brighter; the cold increases; and very soon when the men get home; after either hunting; or digging in the snow for wood all day; and come to church in the evening of Sabbath day; their faces will be splotted with many black patches; showing where the flesh has frozen during the day; but they must hunt for both fuel and meat; and even on Sabbath day; very few men are here in the day, as they must have fuel and food. Last Sabbath, one Deacon assembled two classes of children (one was mine) together, for his class; an Elder taught the older class of folks who cannot understand english; and he asked me to teach the young married folks; I have done this a few times before; but really they seemed to get the most of what I talked about; and I dare say were more attentive; with several little tots squirming here and there too; than any class of grown-ups I have ever had in any Sabbath school in the states.

Our seige of sickness + referred to in former letters claimed a darling child after pneumonia (then Spinal meningitis developed) which was just too much for him. It was hard for the parents; to join in the Christmas activities; but I asked them to try to come and join us; because they have (not all their own) ten other children in their home; but I tell you Dr. King that was hard for them to bear, but they came.

And we had a very fine Entertainment on eve of Dec 24th; in the church; the teachers found an old Xmas tree in the school attic; so I begged it and got some young girls to decorate it and put up some other Xmas bells etc in the church; so all went well; oh the little children did so well in everything; I wish you could have heard my little Tots sing about Christmas; Jesus Birthday etc; and the boys and girls

--singing "We three Kings of Orient are", really it is a joy to celebrate our Saviours birth with them. And strange to say even tho my supplies last summer went elsewhere than here; I ransacked the whole house and dumped all I found available to use as Xmas gifts together; and when done I found I could have SOMETHING for a parcel for each family; and oh how thankful I was for this; because I even had a bag of candy for each man, woman, and child in town, which pleases them very much; to receive at the close of the Entertainment Program.

And then on Dec 25th, we, as usual held our Xmas church service at eleven oclock A M; and at 4 PM we held the Xmas Community Feast in the church; well I wondered what the people could have as berries and herbs were scarce last Fall; and fresh meat has been scarce all winter; as hunting and trapping seems poorer every winter; there just dont seem to be wild animals to get.

But every house-hold had a large dish-pan of something to dish out as usual. Then I waited until the Eskimo ladies got well started with their distributing onto peoples plates; then I took my 3 gallon kettle off the top of the oil heater; got my large mixing Spoon and started to make the rounds of the crowd also; and when I came from church service in the forenoon of that day and began getting my supply of macaroni and tomatoes etc, chopped canned Ham ready : I thought oh dear me; if I cannot get this LOT given out, what will I do with so much on my hands; as it would be several weeks ere I could consume that 3 gal. kettle of food.

But, as I kept going along the rows and rows of people seated before me; who very shyly passed their cup or plate or saucer to me; really I was glad I had a good supply; and finally I got to the 15 to 25 little boys and girls sitting alone toward the front of church(all my Bible class'folks) they were so happy to get near me and my big spoon; and it just turned out that I scraped the sides and bottom of that huge kettle; that had been so full and heavy a few minutes before; to get enough to give the last child a taste. and they shouted joyously when I finished it all out to them.

Now Christmas is over; and we are settling in for another Semester of school; and there is so much excitement in the village these last few days; why; well all because the men folks have gotten eleven POLAR bear; and we are all enjoying fresh Steaks etc; cant you imagine you get a sniff of them cooking right this minute; and oh the beautiful hides that are hung up out doors to try out, to sell.

And just think how good God has been to them all; to supply meat; for a Fully grown bear has so much meat on it; and even a cub has a lot, and the hides at from 3 to 5 dollars per ft, from tip to tip is valuable.

Now I know I am supposed to write you a letter just every so often; but a month afterward; Christmas activities do not interest anyone very much, hence the letter this time.

I imagine if you could see the trouble people are having trying to use gasoline that comes in DRUMS for lights; and the generators it ruins; that you would say, be sure and get aviation gasoline for the mission; even if it is in a Drum.

I have closed down my Bible classes for children now for about a month; to try to get caught up with my own work; and correspondence etc; for since I did not want to burn oil to warm my bedroom; I have just got my bed in my kitchen; so I only have to keep fire in my cook stove I am crowded; to say the least; but comfortable; am fine and everything seems fine all the way around. I dont know about Rev Bingle coming toward spring; he might get stranded here; even mail service is delayed what is your plan about his coming; say for Easter; but he might get left in Nome; unless I know you are sending him and arrange for the "all Carriers (if we have any then) to bring him; and he might have

go by dog-sled from here (and man, I tell you that is fiercely cold) to Teller to catch any mode of transportation down to Nome. But I never know if the SEA*ICE will stay long enough for him to get there as Teller gets warmed up long ere we do in the springtime.

So let me know please what your plans are for Rev Bingle coming here; we have babies galore to baptize, and so do what you think is best for us all. And many many thanks for letting me work here; as well as for all your kindnesses to we all; and pray for our safety as the daylight season comes back; for then we are an easy TARGET for our enemies: 24 hrs of the day.

Sincerely yours in our Masters service

Emma M. Stauffer R.N.

January 21, 1943

AIR MAIL

Miss Emma M. Stauffer
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

Thank you for your most interesting report about the Christmas activities at Wales. Without exhausting my imagination, I can very easily picture you walking down the line filling the cups and plates of the Eskimos with your Christmas gifts. I have passed this report on to our Publicity Department and am hopeful that they may see fit to publish a part of your letter at least.

Definite information has reached us that the shipment to Wales last summer was not possible due to the bad weather. The goods could not be landed due to the storm. For three days the ship remained waiting for the weather to clear, but since the weather had a mind of its own, it was necessary for the ship to leave and all goods were returned to Seattle. I am sorry that this difficulty has arisen, but there is nothing that can be done about it.

Cordially yours,

EBK/mk

February 11, 1943

AIRMAIL

Miss Emma Stauffer
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

Dr. King is out of the office on a field trip but he asked me to write you regarding the oil drums.

You are to return all oil drums this summer to Rev. W. J. Howell in Seattle. The drums will be acceptable if they are not rusted on the inside, no matter what shape the outside is in. We urge that you collect the drums and ship them back to the States since we net over four dollars on each one. The freight payments will be made at Seattle.

We shall greatly appreciate your making every effort to return all the drums during the summer.

Cordially yours,

Secretary to Dr. King

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Wales. Alaska.
Mar. 17th, 1943.

Dr Everett B. King.
#156-5th Ave.
New York.
N.Y.

Dear Dr. King;

I have just this week received your letter of Jan 6th, and am indeed very glad to hear from you, and I assure you the people were pleased to hear from you too, and to get the receipt also. I read the paragraph concerning their Gift and had one of the Interpreters interpret it for them at our last Sabbath evening service.

Locally we are fine; plenty cold; and getting well supplied with natural sunlight these days; but if you folks are in need of some good fresh air; we could supply you easily with our high winds of some 50 miles per hour; with their ice and sleet. I am long since traveling in and out of my house via the old coal shed route; since the front door is full up to the top with snow. In fact the whole western end of my house is covered to above the windows with snow.

And many thanks to you for the information about the matter of what we call "Longshoring".

And I hope long ere this date that you have received all my letters about the Supplies for this year. But I honestly forgot about making two separate lists; as one for my things; and one of the things for maintenance. So these will be on separate sheets attached to this letter also. And I will try and not neglect to do it this way each year I am here; after this if I may be forgiven this time.

I had a radiogram from Rev. Bingle last Sabbath A.M., or at least I over heard it being given from one place to another that day; to be sent on to me the next day; And by it; he said he was coming over, so we are looking for him any time. Maybe the conveyance that brings him; will take this letter out of here. But it will be queer; if he gets in here and out, without having to make some of the distance by dog-team.

And now I will close this part and get after the Lists of supplies; then after them come the Reports, and their letter also. So thanking you for your kind letter and hoping to later hear of some CONVEYANCE to be up this way this season I beg to remain

Gratefully yours *Euna M. Stauffer*

P.S. You may think surely I will send a long List for personal supplies; but not so; as I looked for troubles regarding Conveyance etc; and have picked up many supplies locally from departing teachers; etc, But I sure hope you can get the Eggs, Berries & Tomatoes thru. And if I don't get either fuel oil or coal, I won't have enough for next winter.

Wales. Alaska.
Mar. 19th, 1943.

Dear Dr. King;

And here comes Reports etc again; TIME surely is going very fast this winter. And I think it is because that I have had some kind of class for children every day of the week, except just through January. And besides these study classes I have two Groups of children that come for singing Sabbath I.A. before time for the C.E. Society at the church. And also four different Groups that come at different times during the week for singing. So all these activities keep me somewhat busy and on the alert so that I do not miss the mid-week service at all, and it is a great saving of the Fuel supply to not hold it; and I believe I can do more good with the childrens classes; that is; have more influence on them than on the adults.

But I feel sure that no children, nor young folks could be as faithful to their C.E. Societies as these are, even the Juniors actually have been coming thru all sorts of weather; snowed over 'til all one could discern was a set of feet below the bundle of snowed over Parka that shielded often a frail little body; and again others are very robust and hearty, with lovely rosy cheeks, and a smile in inspite of the fact it was only 22 below zero; and no sunshine at all.

But this month we have had a seige of "Flu" or I say it seems like old fashioned "Grippe" that has spoiled their attendance records for Bible classes; and today some are here that have been sick for two weeks, and in many places; even yet whole families of children are sick; but I have made calls at almost every home in town this week and all are improving rapidly.

For the men folks this has been a hard and busy winter; as the Stores supply of fuel; was like my supplies Last Fall; just did not get here; so the men have had to go in all sorts of weather after drift-wood for fuel. But when they did be at home many of them are very good Carvers of ivory; and have made enough to have a goodly maintenance all winter since prices of Carvings have advanced; in price; in some instances more than 250% of the usual price. Since strange folks in our country are attracted by the articles made of ivory; the Eskimo are "making hay" so to speak all this winter. But I know the day will come when the prices will not be so good; which will not be so good for the Eskimo; as the most of them live from hand to mouth; always.

Some more of our folks have moved down to Teller to live; and will likely stay there as rumors are that a marriage will soon be taking place; which will take a widow and her son over there; and so later on; her older, single, crippled son expects to also leave here and go over to live at Nome, where he expects to support himself by carving ivory. But we still have about as many as the country will support here.

And quite a few new babies on hand; whom I hope will survive the "Flu".

And now I dont have anything thrilling to report as we just keep on steadily and are trying to do the best we can and hope to be let alone these "long 24 hr long days" and so I beg you to remember us often at the throne of grace for we surely are in a strategic location; if; if; and you know the rest; I cannot say. So I thank God always for the fine health he provides me; and pray that I may be worthy of His mercy and care to us all; in this bitter cold country. Emma M. Stauffer

Wales. Alaska.
Mar.27th,1943

Dr.E.B.King.
#156--5th.Ave.
New York.
N.Y.

Dear Dr.King;

Well at last we did get some mail;first since Jan.3rd.
and so have several letters from you;or your sectretary.
and will try to answer them all in this one;and maybe it will
get out of here before next June.

You sent notice a to what became of my last years supplies,
as did also the Alaska Steamship Co. and Schwabackers have sent
a bill about Fire Extinguishers etc. But I am not bothering one
iota as to replying to these Parties;because I have sent you the
full business about the order for 1943;and trust you to manage to
get it up here if possible. I pray you may be successful;because
if it does not come I will be out of fuel about;next mid-winter.

Mr Bingle has been here and he talked as if I should have ordered
thru Mr Polet in Nome;because I would have stood a better chance of
getting it during this seige of war. So I made a list of what I
would need and gave it to him;because he said he thought if you
did not order it thru Polet at Nome Alaska;there was a very small
chance of us getting it at all. So I told him to talk to You,and
what ever you and He decided was best to go ahead and do;because I
certainly do not wish to leave here unless the War department give
an order to the effect that I must for my own safety.

And I also wish to say Rev.Bingle has been here;and we
all enjoyed his visit very,very much and to me it would seem it was
a profitable visit. Think he might have been disgusted with me at
taking him to the homes to baptize the 7 infants and serve Communion
to their mothers and some sick folks;but it got him into many homes;
and besides that the babes were just recovering from a "Flu" and
were not in condition to come out doors. But I think he enjoyed it
all the same. And I do thank you for sending him.Sorry he couldnot be
here for Easter as we are getting a nice Program ready;as we use that
day as childrens day here;and he would have seen what a lively S.S.we
have had he been able to attend.But we are glad to have him come when
it suits you to send him.Thank you kindly.

And I sent empty drums out to Seattle last Fall(now you
will wonder how I got them on the THING;and not get my supplies off;
but old man weather did not allow the latter); and sent the Bill of
Shipment out to Mr Howell;and will enclose it all here to you;as it
was returned in the same mail that brought your letters;so I wonder
where the drums are by now. I am keeping my empty drums in doors
this winter(out of sight)so they will not be so rusty outside. And will
send them to you if I can do so;oh not to you to Mr Howell. Do I have
his address correctly;please send it corrected to me. Thank you.

Rev Bingle seems to have a way about him that he could get a response out of these people much better than his Predecessor. Though many of them shivered; seemingly in timidity still they responded as he wanted them to do. And we got another Elder elected to take the place of the one that moved away, and all seemed very well satisfied.

But I dont know if he did very much enjoy his trip by dog team because the A M he left it was ~~just~~ 18" below and I tell you it was not warm. Hope to hear favorably from him later on; after he sees you.

Now I am going to tell you; what I have wanted to for the last month; but was afraid you might punish me; but Mr Bingle said he did not think you would. So I got tired living alone and have a little Eskimo living with me; think I will really keep her as my own; have to get some papers fixed up ere it is complete. Her people live at the village south of us; where they have liquor a plenty. Her father drank just too much Anti-freeze for Cars; and died; so he left several sons; some in the army now; two girls, and a frail widow; so I got one girl 7 yrs old Aug 20th 1943; she is a bright husky child; growing like a bad weed too. But lots of company to me. So now what will you do to me for this act?

Right now there are at least 30 youngsters and some above this classification who have come in to play awhile and also to practice some songs for Easter; so my house is very full on each Saturday afternoon; and will be until Easter is over; as after that day I dismiss all childrens classes and let them all play out doors as much as the weather will permit. Though I may keep on having the Junior S.S. if there are enough small folks left in town to do so.

And I want to thank you for that extra hundred dollars you so kindly allowed me to have as it surely will come in handy. But I am telling you right here to be sure you are going to get some of it back for the mission work here, before many months; *yes enclosed.* And enclosed herein is a check to cover the number of Hymn-books I have sold up to date; of the last allotment you sent us. And of the same allotment; I have used ten for the S.C.E.S.; and they remain in the church; for use by any person for meetings at the church. As we had so many quite young members of that Society that just had no song, *look* nor anything to get one with.

And now I dont know of any more news to tell you; so likely you are tired of this missive; so I will close and hope to hear very favorably from you later on in regard to my supplies getting here this summer, especially the fuel, and my food stuffs.

And please dont forget to remember us up here; we are so close these foreigners on our land; none of us appreciate knowing they are so very close; hence we need your ~~pr~~ayers. And if the time comes that I have to move quickly I may have to do so without first telling you so in case this happens, I hope to be forgiven.

Otherwise I am fine; am busy; and all is well as far as I know.

Sincerely yours

Emma M. Stauffer.

Wales. Alaska.
Apr. 16th, 1943.

Dr. E. B. King.
#156--5th Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr. King;

Enclosed you will find the Reports for this month just ended; and while they are sort of full; I still did not get near all the Meetings, and classes, and Gatherings of people for all sorts of activities. As I have several Groups weekly that assemble here for practice for the Program we are planning to have on Easter Sabbath; as we use that day as our Childrens Day; it makes it so that most of the participants in the Program are on the order of small folks except for some few adults who take part in special song etc.

We surely did enjoy having Rev. Bingle with us; and hope he survived the trip so well that he will be looking forward to making the trip next year too. And I do hope it may be the will of God to permit me to still be here too. But if I cannot get Supplies up here I dont see how it will be possible to survive thru another winter. And the enemy is apparently so close; we dont like to hear of them.

But I have enjoyed all this winter very much; of course we have not had everything we wanted; but we are getting thru; and dont seem to be any the worse of our handicaps, of shortage of Supplies. As for the natives they have done exceedingly well in having sale for their native products; as the war has brought many strangers to our land; that have no conception of the value of such things; hence the prices have soared to often 200% over the original price; so the natives are sailing along on easy street these days. And it is almost impossible to get any Ivory products at a reasonable price any more. That is why I sent the last I could get anywhere near reasonable to Miss Sheibley; as I dont expect to get such articles later on at any price; until the war is over.

Well I have a class of small boys due very soon; so will close and hope some way will open up to get this mailed before the May mail Trip. I am fine and busy as usual. And beg to be

Sincerely yours

Emma M. Stauffer

April 27, 1943

AIR MAIL

Miss Emma M. Stauffer
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

Thank you for your two checks; one for \$20.00 which has been applied to Current Work and credited to the church at Wales, and the other for \$3.15 as a refund for the song books.

I think it will be best for you to send the drums to Rev. William J. Howell, 1203 American ^{Bank} Building, Seattle, Washington. I am happy that it will be possible for our supplies to go through this summer, and that you will not be deprived of the orders that you have made. Of course, no one knows what to expect.

I do appreciate your good report about Mr. Bingle and am glad that he was able to make the trip and that you feel it was well worthwhile.

We continually remember you in our prayers, and trust that the good Lord will provide and take care of you.

Cordially yours,

EBK/mk

May 11, 1943

AIR MAIL

Miss Emma M. Stauffer
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

Thank you for your good letter of April 16, I am glad that you enjoyed Rev. B. J. Bingle's visit with you, and I am sure that his trip was more than worthwhile. He has given a report of the trip, together with a splendid commendation of you and your faithful service.

I wish that I could tell you definitely what the answer will be about the supplies for the winter. We are hoping, of course, that they will go through, and that you will have a sufficient quantity to take care of you. If for any reason the supplies do not get through, we will have to make some other arrangements.

If you have any more ivory that you want to send in, please send it to me, and I will try to dispose of it and whatever amount is received will be credited to the benevolences of the Thornton Memorial Church.

Cordially yours,

EBK/mk

Wales. Alaska.
May. 12th, 1943.

Dr. Everett B. King.
#156--5th Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr. King;

I wish to thank you for your letter of 4/27/43
it surely made good time; and I have had it a day or two now.

It is a great relief to know there are hopes
of different treatment than we Alaskans (some of us) were
given last year.

There is much activity; locally; I would like to tell
you; but you know the Censor would just have to use his time to
cut it all out; so I don't write much. But we are not lonesome
any more; oh no, not all the time any way, but still our own Cook.

And we solicit your prayers for all of us;
for we can always trust God to do what is best for us; if we
can calm ourselves to just trust; and wait patiently for Him.

Gratefully yours *Anna M Stauffer*

Wales. Alaska.
May. 14th, 1943.

Dr. Everett B. King.
#156--5th Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr. King;

And here it is Report time again. And you will find a few breaks in the schedule; from usual. Because we missed Sabbath school once; for just as I was ready to ring the last bell a plane landed very unexpectedly; and brought several visitors; so I have long, long ago learned it is useless to try to have any kind of a Meeting; when there is something unusual going on.

And once we could not hold Prayer Meeting; because all Interpreters were out after a Whale; so that explains these.

But we did have a very fine Easter service. And every part of that day's activities seemed to be just the best they could be. And the Children's Easter Program seemed very much appreciated by their parents and friends.

And the happiest part I have had in the whole of our Easter activities is the fact that I have now just 20 young folks who want to accept Christ as their Master and Guide and are ready to be taken into the church; when Rev. Bingle comes again. It always seems to work out best to have this time of inquiry and response from my young folks; just before Easter; as I seem to have better results then; is why I like to have the Mission Representative over here for Easter. And to me it is just wonderful the way these young folks have responded; and it is really great encouragement for the one who has labored with them all winter season. But whether or not the Mission can send Rev Bingle for Easter; I have these folks ready when he does come.

And since Easter I have closed all my children's classes; and let them play out doors as many as are able to do so.

So most of them are out all the time except just to come in to eat and sleep; the latter they deprive themselves much of; because Time means nothing to them; they only come home when they are tired out and cannot play longer. Even the little Eskimo I have taken in; does the same; except that I ring the church bell to call her home; as for time to eat, or sleep, as the case may be.

We have had a very sad experience, early in May; in the loss of two small boys (all the children in the home) from one home here; the oldest child has been ailing for some time; and the younger one contracted the disease from him, but they both were taken in less than three days apart; and it has been very, very hard on the parents. I had warned them that it was dangerous; that the disease could be; by contact; communicated to others; but they insisted the boys were better, until they became unconscious, then neighbors got alarmed and kept their children at home; or out of that home.

Right now it does seem Whooping-cough is coming over this way so as some small children are still in the clutches of Pneumonia; I fear what the results will be for them ere many days more have come and gone.

Wise and otherwise we are very fine; and busy with the Spring Hunting work. Hunter Crews for Omiaks are few; army took many of our men.

Sincerely yours *Ema M Stauffer*

Wales. Alaska. Easter 4/25/43. Children's Day.

Opening* Song;;Welcome;; by all school children.

Greetings by Sophia, Stanley, Thornton, Hilda, Dorothy, Samuel, Elosie
Matilda, Anna, and Elsie.

Memory work;;Little girls Bible class.

Reading---Easter Joy--by Metro, Mildred, Freida, Reba and Flora.

Song;;Living For Jesus;;by a Group of little Girls.

Songs;;;by Primary SS Dept. Little Boys Bible class.
" Girls " " " .

Reading;;Childrens Day;; ----- Leah.

Reading;; Buttercups;--- Rachel.

Pantomine; A Gift;;by Ruth and Eloise.

Song*;;; Calvarys Brow---by Mrs Esther Mayokok,; & Louise Tungwenuk.

Reading;;Banner Day;;by Josephine.

Lighting The Candles;;;by;;; Stanley, Metro, and group small children.

Song;;;Christ Receiveth Sinful Men;;by A group of Adults.

Memory work;;;By Adult girls Bible class.

Song;; Shall You;Shall I; by A group of young folks.

Reading;; An Easter Kiss. by Daisy.

Reading ;;Stories;;by Harriett.

Song;; Speed Away;;;by Lilly, Faye, Betty, and Alma.

Reading;;Five Steps To Heaven;;;by A Group of boys.

Song;;;Who Is There; by Ruth and Flora.

Reading;;;Childrens Day Verse.;;by Ethel

Song;;-----Louise, Martha, Mary and Glenna.

Reading;;;Easter Tapers;;by Nancy, Ruth, Esther, Ruth, and Barbara. and
a group of small girls.

Songs;;by Adult girls Bible class & Adult boys Bible class.

Reading;;by;; Easter Lillies;;by Maggie.

Song;;;We would be Building;;by Flora, Ruth, Cecelia, Evelyn, & Polly
and Margaret.

Reading;;;Easter;;by Irene, Fanny, Flossie, Grace,, & Mattie.

Rewards of merit for perfect attendance at Bible Classes & Primary
S S since last December. 25th, 1942.

Ruth, Nancy, Ida, Metro, Esther, Maggie, Reba, Grace, Ruth, & Ethel.
Louise and Martha.

Boys; Sherman, Daniel, David, Norman, Ronald, Bert, Billy & Franky.

Congregation;;;Hymn #90

Wales. Alaska.
June, 18th, 1943.

Dr. E. B. King.
#156--5th Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr King;

And here it is Report time again; and honestly I cannot give much report this time because about all I have done for fully two weeks is visit the homes of sick folks and hold funeral services for some person's darling "Tot" that has been called home. We have been having a seige of Bronchial pneumonia and good old fashioned Whooping-cough; that is just taking our little folks; so to speak; up by their heels and shaking them to death. And after my contiual prayers that some government folks would happen in here; yesterday my prayer was answered; and now it seems there will be some special Serum for Partussis coming our way soon.

I have not tried to hold any services at all; nor will I until the situation begins to show signs of abating. Every home where there are children is a Victim; often four to six whooping at once; some of these folks are experiencing something they will never forget, and will know the next time this disease is rumored to be coming our way; to fortify their children against it. Of course I knew it was coming; and told our folks to keep the little ones in out of these cold winds; but our folks continued to visit from one village to another; thus helped to bring it home here. But there are signs now of some improvement; but there are several children very seriously ill that may or may not recover. And I just have not kept record of my visits to the homes; if I had; it would shock you; so that is out of the Reports this time.

And thank you for the letter received lately; and I do hope the goods will come through. And may I say, regarding your offer to sell ivory that I may send you. Well kind brother, you dont know these folks as well as I do. What ivory comes to my hand, has to be paid for; they are not a donating people; in that sense, it takes many hours patient, tedious work, resulting in many injuries to fingers, deep gouges in the hand, often; from instruments they must use to carve the ivory; which is like iron; and they think it is worth having cash for. Or they will trade it in at the Store for goods etc. But what I send to any one, I have bought from them. And then so much is mediocre carving; and neither you nor I could sell it to any one who wanted a nice article. So I try to pick out good carving when collecting for to send to the folks there to sell.

Many, many men folks have been called to labor for that man; Uncle Sam; so I deem it best to bide my time and when they are back home; with full jeans this Fall; is the time best to approach them on any financial matters. For no matter how much they have gotten in cash they never have anything out of it; in a very few months; they dont lay by for a rainy day; in other words; no matter what a child wants; it is provided; if the cash is available.

Now I must close and get out to see the seriously sick folks and hope to find them improving; but pneumonia is a treacherous sickness; and takes a heavy toll; where medical help is scarce; and is; locally; often spurned; because of ignorance; when it is available. But little I can do except try to comfort them and family and have prayer with them. But I am thankful I am able to do even this much for them and hope you will all remember us in your prayers not only for the sick folks but for all of us. There are many things I could tell you but the Censor would cut them out I know. *I am fine in spite of so much work.*
So I beg to be Gratefully yours

7:45 P. M. June 18- have just came home from holding funeral service in an Igloo- for a small boy only boy in that family- En route; called at first other homes where there are very rich children- so think I better get some supper now- EMB.
Emma M. Stauffer

June 25, 1943

AIR MAIL

Miss Emma M. Stauffer
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

I have your two letters of May 12 and May 14. Both arrived at the same time. It was interesting to read of the activities there at Wales, and I am quite sure that you are giving a real account of your stewardship.

The Easter Program for Children's Day, as you called it, looked as though it might have been quite helpful as well as interesting. You were successful in enlisting a large number of people to take part. That is quite unusual. At least it is in this part of the world.

I think you ought to be congratulated on preparing the twenty young folks for church membership. That is no small thing to have lead twenty individuals to the Lord Jesus Christ. I do hope that we can arrange to have Rev. Bingle make the visit and baptize these young people and receive them into the Church.

There must be a great deal of activity in Wales. Of course, you cannot tell me about it because the censor would not permit it. However from all other sources of information, I can imagine that you see other faces than Eskimos.

Cordially yours,

EBK/nk

Wales. Alaska.
July, 6th, 1943.

Dr. E. B. King.
#156--5th Ave.
New York. I.O.
N.Y.

Dear Dr King;

Likely long ere this can get to you; you will have rec'd my last Reports and letter. Well everything surely looked gloomy around here all through the month of June; but a few days after I wrote you; we got some government medicine; and began at once to administer it; so it surely has helped greatly; but we did lose so many of the smaller folks; even once I had two funerals one Sabbath day, one at either extreme ends of the village. And I am still administering medical help; have several doses of Injections of Vaccine yet to be given; which must be done over a period of days. But the situation has taken a turn for the better; except that we have several very ill children, who had tuberculosis before they got the whooping cough; so it is doubtful if they all can survive. And I am still making my one; always; and often two trips to the homes where there are very sick folks every day.

But today was such a fine day overhead; I managed to get several Canvases out of doors in the sunshine; so I think I can settle down for a good nights rest tonight.

Though we were few; I opened up Sabbath day services last Sabbath; and many came who surely kept us all alert with their whooping but still all seemed glad to be able to have service again. Very soon; several families will move away for the summer (would have been gone, but children were not fit to travel) but still I hope to have enough here to observe Sabbath day whenever it is possible to do so all summer; then in the Autumn they will move back home again.

Now I have just recently had the enclosed letter from Mr. Bingle. And first may I say I have not replied to him about coming to Wales, in connection with the Reindeer round-up; he says (well it is not, he doesn't understand it rightly); nor do I approve of his making it a point to be here at the scheduled time of what is really the Reindeer mens business meeting of the year. It is a meeting of the men government has appointed (white men, as our school teacher & others) to superintend the Eskimo maneuvers in the Reindeer Industry. There are usually one or two Eskimo men go from each village within the district and all gov't school teachers attend; ours always goes; if he can get a Plane to come for him or he may go one way by dog sled. But the situation is this. For some few years; when this Reindeer Meeting first began; usually takes place in the Spring (often breaks up our Easter services) most every Eskimo man woman and child that could drag one leg after the other went; once we had 17 dog-teams leave our village in one day. The result was not only that time but also many other times; there were so many Eskimo gathered at some small village; that there was not housing room for them; and so often it took four to five hundred reindeer to feed the people and the 1500 or more dogs they all had; that the government men complained; it was taking too many of the natives reindeer to carry on in that way. And it was earnestly requested that only the one or two men requested by the government; who represented each village's local reindeer Board, to attend the so called Reindeer Meeting or Convention. I have been invited by the Missionary who began the Evangelistic Convention; at the time the Eskimo used to all flock to the meeting; to attend and take part in the Evangelistic meetings; but I have never gone; nor do I intend to leave my place; without anyone; to attend, and thus take part in working against the government; who is trying hard to keep the Eskimo from consuming all the reindeer as fast as they can possibly do so. So I hope you do not in any way sanction Bingles being here at the Reindeer meeting time.

He thinks it is a round-up of reindeer; well it is not; never was. It is purely a business meeting of the HEAB reindeer men, both of government and Eskimo. And please don't have any part in helping to keep up any such a Convention that was started to keep the; too many Eskimo out of mischief.

Sheet #2 for Dr King of July 6th, 1943.

Now Dr King I beg you to take note of the part of Mr Bingle's letter which I have marked off. I am at a loss to know what to do about it. Because I cannot pay for the 30 drums of fuel oil listed as ordered from Polet in Nome Alaska; and at the same time ;though Bingle tells me that you have sent the order for my Supply to be coming from Seattle; as I know it should be done; and which will be alright ;if it gets here.

But if for some unknown reason it does not get here; as it did last year; then if an order had been placed to Polet in Nome as Bingle has done (as he insisted on this when he was here) then there is a chance that this order of 30 Drums from Nome may be available; and that with what I have left from last winter; I could get along with. But I assure you I cannot finance the order for fuel oil; nor the coal; from Nome. And likely, if I do not get your shipment from Seattle; and I would cancel this order Bingle has placed in Nome; circumstances would be such that I would be out of anything for fuel; and would have to leave Wales; because of lack of something for fuel.

If your shipment got here first; I could cancel the one in Nome. *by wire -*

So please advise; if you can; what you want me to do.

As for the order for food stuffs ; Bingle has placed in Nome; I will take care of that; as I always get some supplies from Mr. Polet every summer; as these are my personal supplies; I expect to care for the bill of them; as well as the freight of them.

Now I know you will be disgusted with such a long letter but anyway; I will be looking for advice from you. But how does a person who has never lived in such an isolated place; where fuels and foods must come from elsewhere; ; know just what to do; when they have not experienced; seeing their whole years supplies; seemingly within their reach; yet not be able to get them; and have to stand by and watch their goods carried out of their sight; not to be seen again for another 12 months time. And during all that time one has to rack their brains to "get along" on what they happen to have on hand; or can get by the help of the Eskimo either locally or from our nearest village 65 miles away.

May I tell you that my people have been most co-operative during all this seige of sickness we have had. And they do seem to appreciate very much: to say the least: what little I have been able to do for their children. It is no easy job going into their home and giving injections to some six or ten children; who don't like to take it because it makes their arms sore for a few days. And losing one child at a time in a home is bad enough; but when the 2nd one is taken; it is very difficult for a primitive race of people to understand just what God's reason for doing such may be ; and they become discouraged and nearly lose their reason over it all.

I have had one Elder; the Charter Elder of your church here; who is a good old fashioned servant of God; and I knew the Saturday night when I had the teachers over at my house for dinner; we had just finished; when the Elder came in and asked for me to come up and see his child, that something serious was wrong; so the teachers went home and gave him the medicine he wanted; and I went to see the child. Well I spent the night there; and a goodly part of several days too but the child had been condemned to die by several people; but God did not sleep, neither did the child's father, it was pathetic to see how he prayed, and prayed as his child had one convulsion after another but the child seems improving; today I had her sitting out on the door step with her mother, her fever is all gone, and she is able to walk again. Now this may seem queer to you; like a story only; but could you know these folks as I do; you could not possibly get the great pleasure in serving them as much as I do.

So no matter if things do seem hard sometimes; still God is most mercifully kind to us all often He send hard things to us to teach us many hard lessons; is the way my people are looking at the sickness and loss of loved ones lately.

And many thanks for the books just arrived on June 27th; a comfort each evening these days. Sincerely yours *E. M. Stauffer*

August 3, 1943

Miss E. M. Stauffer
Wales,
Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

Enclosed you will find a pamphlet, Pioneering in Bering Strait. I think you will agree with me that this is quite an attractive publication. The next publication ought to tell something of the work that you are doing at Wales.

I agree with you that Mr. Bingle should not come to Wales during the reindeer round-up time. You have my permission to write to him and so state the facts.

I do not know what to say to you relative to the shipment of supplies. The main thing is that we are trying to guard against a shortage of supplies on your part. My suggestion is that you accept the shipment from Nome and the shipment from Seattle. If you find that you have more than you can use, then perhaps you can dispose of the surplus amount there at Wales. I can assure you that the Board will not penalize you by making you pay for thirty extra drums of oil from Nome. If you are not able to dispose of it in Wales, then the Board will help you out. As I said, the main thing we are trying to guard against is seeing you short of supplies or finding yourself without any supplies for the Winter. It would be far better for you to have a surplus than for you not to have the bare necessities. I am quite sure that you and Mr. Bingle can work this problem out even if you receive the shipment both from Nome and Seattle.

We are sending you a supply of Monthly Reports, in keeping with your request, and herewith I am returning to you Mr. Bingle's letter to you.

I also acknowledge receipt of the Pay-As-You-Go Tax forms that you have returned for the Treasury.

Cordially yours,

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